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Ministry of EA & C.R.

D.437-G.II/49. (/)

For information. It does not seem to be necessary to send copies of the F.R. to our posts abroad since they are hardly concerned with it. C.R. Wing may, however, see.

(File on the subject is already submitted to A.S.(G) in connection with the "Consular Instructions" regarding hoising of National Flag).

KPS 31.1.49

MKS 31/1/49

ASG

D.727-G/49. C.R. Wing

E.A. Wing 4/0 No D437-G.II/49. 4/1/49 2

1589 ERWing

(CR Wing)

C.R. Wing has received a copy of the F.R. and necessary action is being taken on it separately. These papers may be returned to the EA Wing with thanks.

3.2.49

4.2.49

E. A. Wing (G.II Branch)

D.2922-ERWing

D686-GII/49.

Ministry of External Affairs & Commonwealth Relations
(C. R. Wing)

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D. 2038-GII/49. (2)

File.

Sd/- C.M. Sharma.
20.4.49.

D. 2654-GII/49. (3)

For information. Necessary addition has been made in S.No. (1).

KCB
27.V.49

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28/5

27/5/49

ASG

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D. 3585-GII/49 (4)

For information.

KeB
15.7.49

KCS
15/7/49 Put in on the National Flag file.
please.

AL Adams
15/7

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(D. 4510-GII/49. (5)

For information.

KCB
24.8.49.

MB
24/8/49

AMShamus
25/8

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Ministry of E.A.

(8)

D.3964-GII/49. (6)

Please see sub-para (f) of para 1 of the Rules for the display of the National Flag of India. A copy of these rules has already been sent to our Embassy at Moscow. Another copy may be sent to them.

2. With regard to para 3 of the F.R. there seems to be hardly any objection to the following of the local diplomatic practice in the matter. A draft is submitted for approval.

KLB 11.8.49 KLS 11/8/49

As verbally instructed by A.S.G. the relevant papers on the subject are placed below. These have already been communicated to our Embassy at Moscow. Their attention may be drawn to the issue. With regard to the hoisting of flag on the occasions connected with the USSR the our Embassy at Moscow may be informed on the lines of para 2 of the Ministry of Home Affairs' note letter No. 87/5/47-Pub(B) dated the 21st August 1949. A revised draft is submitted for approval.

AS4 26/8/49 CMShamu 26/8.

(7) - 4(8) Enclosures.

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D. 6287-GII/49. (9)

A draft is put up for approval. * DFA

KCB
9/XI/49.
KCB
9/11/49

CMShams
10/11

Attd

(10.) - Issue.

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(10) Slip K

Ministry of External Affairs.

Letter No. 87/5/47-Pub(B), dated the 21st August 1948. from the Ministry of Home +Affairs.

I ~~wonder~~ if it would not be a good thing to send Para 2 slightly elaborated to our Missions for guidence.

sd/- C.S. Jha
16.8.49.

I place below a draft for approval to all our missions abroad.

Chandrasekhara
3/9.

DS(EI)

J.S(N) may kindly see this.

P.N./Ashney
4/9/49

3/9/49

JS(N)

as amended. JS should see.

Bhagwan
5/9

JS

Chief Reporter

6 9 49

Bhagwan
6/9

DSE

AS(G)

D.4802-GII/49. (||)

(From above)

The Ministry of Home Affairs have issued a circular letter about the use of National flag of India and National Anthem. ~~The enclosures~~ all old orders on the subject which have already been circulated to our Missions abroad. There is, however, no objection to these instructions being circulated to our Missions over again.

2 The Ministry of Home Affairs have also asked us to consider whether in view of the recent incident at Karachi instructions should not be issued about the use

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F.45-66/48-G

F. 52(66)-G/47

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use of the National Flag by Indians residing in foreign countries. The draft already on the file and approved by F.S. would seem to meet the requirements of the case. Necessary addition to the draft with reference to para 1 on overleaf has been made and this may now issue if approved.

D.S.(Eur.) may please see the draft before issue with reference to his note dated 30.8.49 in the linked file.

KeB 8.9.49. WB 8/9/49

Issue draft: a/mem which has already been approved by F.S. & send copies of two (11) to all HC posts abroad.

A

A.S.Shams 9/9.

ASG

(12) - Issue.

Reference 'A' of A.S.(G)'s note above.

A draft endorsement is put up for approval.

KeB 16.9.49.

A.S.Shams 16/9.

A.S.(G)

(13) - Issue.

D. 5812-GII/49. (14)

For information.

Eur. Branch may also see.

KeB 15.X.49.

WB 15/10

A.S.Shams 17/X

OR 15/10.

Europe Br. MD 15/X

A.S.(G)

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D. 6017-GII/49. (15)

D. 6058-GII/49. (16)

For information.

BCI and SIM Branches may also see.

Home Affairs Ministry may ~~see~~ see S. No. (16).

28.X.49.

SB/28/10

29/X

~~A.S.(G)~~

29/X BCI

SIM

GII

US(S&M) may care to see.

AS (A) may like to see

AS (A) 29/X

29/10

29/X. US(S&M) S.II

See Q21 29/X

Pub 1/XI

647 cl.

D.4317-GII/49-Pub. dt 3-11-49.

S.2/c

Slip O

* Placed in the cover on the top of the file.

D 15895-GII/49

D 6394-Cipher

Ministry of Home Affairs

Min: of E.A. U.O.No. 6058-S.II/49 dt 1/11/49

Ministry of Home Affairs

D.S. may also see (Onwards to E. A Ministry vide U.O. No. 11. containing note re: national flag & national anthem refers)

AV Raman

2.10.49

~~D.S.(F)~~ Secy. may be interested to see the new * Flag adopted by Constituent Assembly of India vide S. No. 7.

4.XI.49

Min. of E.A

Min: of E.A. U.O.No. 4317/49-Pub dt 8-11-49

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Ministry of E.A.

(From prepage)

Submitted for information.

KCB
9/XI/49.
KCB
9/11/49

CMSharma
9/11

ASG

D. 6396-GII/49. (17)

File.

Sd/- C. M. Sharma
9.11.49.

FR (D. 6708-GII/49. (16)

For information.

KCB
26.11.49.
KCB
26/11/49

CMSharma
29/11

ASG

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29/11

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Ministry of E.A. (14)

FR.(D. 6334-G II/49. (19)

Para 2 of the F.R. is for information.

2. We may forward a copy of the enclosure to the circular letter to our Embassy at Rangoon. Draft submitted.

After issue B I Branch may also see.

H. copy at Slip 'S' — DFA.

KeB 8/XI/49

Chhabra 9/11

KeB 8/11/49

ASG

(20) — Issue.

MbG 15/11

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Ministry of External Affairs.

(15)

D.5898-GII/49. (21)

The points for consideration are stated on pages 2-3 of cor. and are as follows:-

(i) Flying of National Flag in British East Africa side by side with Union Jack.

(ii) Using the Flag as decorations at marriages and parties, or to clean cars.

(iii) Naming of private residences as 'India House'.

2. As regards (i) please see our circular letter No. D.4802-GII/49, dated 14.9.49 read with Home Ministry's letter No.87/5/47-Pub(B) dated 21.8.49. It would appear therefrom that xx in a foreign country, our National Flag should be flown side by side with the flag of that country with the permission of the foreign Govt. concerned.

3. As regards (ii) please see Home Ministry's Press Communique No.41/5/48-Public dated 16.6.48 from which it will be seen that the National Flag should not be brought into disrepute by unregulated use. The attention of our Commissioner may be invited to this.

4. As regards (iii) the naming of private residence, however, is a personal matter and the Govt. can hardly issue any instructions in the matter. A draft is submitted for approval which the Ministry of Home Affairs may see before issue.

11.XI.49

11/11/49

CMShamma
16/11

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri A.V. Kannan)
Min of E.A. & O No D.5898-GII/49. 16/11/49

Ministry of Home Affairs.

Seen in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

AV Kannan
21.11.49

18/11/49

Ministry of E.A.
M. of H.A. & O No. D.4509-40/49—Pkdt. 22/11/49

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Ministry of E. A.

(From previous page)

The draft may now issue.

KLB
23.XI.49.

KLB
28/11/49

Chhagla
29/11

~~ASG~~

(22) - Immd.

2654/49-AFR II

Seen. Thanks. US(Afr) may also see.

nsingh
30/11/49

US(Afr)

Even in regard to naming of residences, the Indian Community should be advised not to name their private houses etc as "Indian ~~Office~~ House" which is a clearly understood designation for the official premises of our representative in overseas countries.

Jaeda
2/12

AFR II Branch may please see the telly at S.No.(2) for information.

KLB
29.11.49

29/11/49

~~AFR~~ II

9 II

Reference above.

Our letter at S.No.(2) was seen by the Ministry of Home Affairs before issue. In view of U.S.(AFR)'s note above it is for orders whether we should

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should issue necessary modification to our letter quoted above.

ACB 9.12.49.
KCB 9/12/49

AVG

We should inform our Commissioner, as suggested by U.S.(Afr). It does not seem necessary to consult the Ministry of Home Affairs.

A.M. Shams
9.12.49.

H.M. 10/12

H D.F.A.

Reference A.S.(G)'s note above.

Draft put up for approval.

ACB 10.12.49.
KCB 10/12/49

Issue as amended.

A.M. Shams 12/12

AVG

(23) - Issued.

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Ministry of E.A.

Slip P

Please see para 1(c) of the rules prescribed for the display of National Flag of India. Under these orders the National Flag should be flown on the residence of Indian Representatives in foreign countries. The practice in diplomatic circles seems to be for the National Flag to fly on the residences of the Heads of Missions and also on their offices where the latter are separate from the former. According to this we may, therefore, suggest that the existing sub-clause (c) may be amended to read as follows:-

> " Heads of Indian Missions in foreign countries and States should fly the Flag on their residences and also on their offices where the latter are separate from the former."

(Sd/- C.M. Sharma)
18.10.49.

I agree. It is desirable to make provision for the flying of flag on the office building of our Missions abroad.

Sd/- P.N. Krishnaswamy.
23.10.49.

Cabinet Secretariat.
E.A. Ministry u.o. No.D,6027-GII/49, dated 24.10.49.

D. 6489-GII/49. (24)

We may send copies to our post abroad. Draft endorsement put up.

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16/11/49

17/11

ASG

(25) - Issue.

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D. 7207-GII/49 (26)

Draft put up for approval.

2. Para 2 of the PR. has been noted. Copies thereof may also be circulated to the branches.

20.12.49.

20/12

(27) - Done

D. 7448-GII/49. (28)

We may send copies to our Missions abroad in continuation of our endorsement at S. No. (2). Before this is done, we may ask the Ministry of Home Affairs kindly to let us have 60 (sixty) copies of the letter for the purpose.

30.12.49.

I don't think our Posts abroad are really concerned with these amendments.

31/12

31/12

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Ministry of E.A.

(20)

D. 102-GII/50 · (29)

A draft is put up for approval.

KCB
13.1.50.

HH

LC
18/1/50

OMShamma
19/1

(30) — Issue.

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Acknowledged.

2. Please see this Ministry's circular endorsement No.D6489-GII/49 dated 19th November'49 forwarding ~~xxxxxxxx~~ copies of the Home Ministry letter No.F.41/18/49-Public, dated the 9th November'49, which inter alia lays down that "Heads of Indian Missions in foreign countries and States should fly the Flag on their residences and also on their offices where the latter are separate from the former".

3. From 'A' of Canadian Govt. Note No.1 of Jan.8'48, it would appear that they have also given ~~xxxxx~~ instructions to their posts abroad to fly the Canadian Red Ensign at both the Chancery and the official residence.

4. From the F.R. it appears that the local practice in Canada is not to fly the foreign flags on the residences of the foreign Representatives except on special occasions. ~~We may draw attention of our office in Canada of the above rules and leave the matter to their discretion to decide.~~ Our H.C. desires to follow the local practice in the matter in view of the local practice in that country

~~A draft is put up for approval which Ministry of Home Affairs may see before issue.~~ There does not seem to be any objection. PT Br may however see for any comments, if any, before a reply is sent.

20.1.50.

21/1/50

21/1

PT II Br. Have no Comments

25/1/50.

25/1

Yours sincerely,

25/1/50

A draft is put up for approval.

30.1.50.

30/1/50

(32) - Issue.

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(23)

(D.583-GII/50. (33))

Ministry of Home Affairs may please see the F.R. for remarks in the first instance.

KCB 27.1.50
KMS 31/1/50

Please put up on file which had the issue of our letter at Sup 22.

CMSharma
1/2.

US (PT) 2/2
US (PT II)
AEF 2/2
ASG

Reference A.S.(G)'s note above.

The file on the subject which was linked with C&P Branch papers and submitted to A.S.(A), has now been received back and is put up. In this connection notes on pages 7-8 ante and S.No.(12) may please be glanced at.

KCB 11.2.50
KMS 11/2/50

ASG

Please see S. No.12. I think Nepalese Government are within their right to disallow the flying of our National Flag to the Indian nationals residing in Khatmandu at any other buildings than one, that are specified i.e. Jamals, (the small colony of Indian professors) I do not think this really calls for any retaliatory measures on our part.

U.S.(PT) and U.S.(NEF) may please see.

CMSharma

C.M.Sharma.
18-2-1950.

US(PT)
US(NEF)

Chief Secretary, JS(N) may wish to discuss this matter with our Ambassador in Nepal who is now in Delhi.

JNChowdhury
20/2/50

C&P

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I agree that there is no question of taking retaliatory action. I recall that in a similar case the Government of Pakistan did not permit Indian nationals to fly the Indian flag outside the Embassy etc. premises. If J.S. (N) agrees a reply on these lines will be sent to the Embassy.

Bkapur
(B.K. Kapur)
20.2.50

J.S. (N)

I do not think it would be advisable to raise this issue now with the Nepal Govt or take any retaliatory action by way of reprisal. The proposed reciprocity clause in our treaty with Nepal can be invoked later to secure reciprocal treatment for our Ambassador in Nepal when known. Kindly let us know his views particularly if there is any feeling in Nepal against Indian nationals in general or Nepal Govt in the matter.

V.S.J.
21/2/50

Sri C.P.N. Singh

Have seen the notes. I agree with Mr. Jha that no retaliatory measure need be taken at present. We have succeeded in making N.G. agree to the incorporation of a clause in the treaty for the reciprocal treatment of the Nationals of the two countries viz India & Nepal. We will take up questions of this kind after the treaty has been finalised.

26/2/50.

J.S.(N)

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Ministry of S.A.

(25)

D. 1086-GII/50. (34)

For information.

European Br. I may also see.

27.2.50.

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(26)

D. 1330-G/50 (35)
~~Dy. No. 597-PTII/50.~~

D.S.(P) may see for information.

Itd. Jagat Singh.
30.1.

Our Chief of Protocol may see for comments if any.

Sd/- Prem Krishen.
31.1.50.

We received a similar reference from some Missions here. Put up with papers.

Itd. B.K.Kapur.
31.1.50.

This Branch file 12(104)PT/49 is placed below for the information of the Chief of Protocol. The F.R. is a reply to a circular issued by G Br. to our Missions abroad and this may be transferred to that Br. after Chief of Protocol has seen. As our file 12(104)/PT/49 was linked with Pak. Br. papers dealing with a question in the Parliament, this could not be put up earlier.

(x) S. No. (12)/cr.

Sd/- T.J.Natarajan.
18.2.50.

It would be useful to see the Pakistan Govt. notification referred to in para 2 of the F.R. Please pu up.

Sd/- B.K.Kapur.
18.2.

Reference above.

The notification referred to was published in the Gazettee of the Govt. of Pakistan. A draft letter to Hicomind Karachi asking him to send a copy of the notification is put up.

2. The F.R. may be transferred to GII Br. A copy of the same has been kept.

Sd/- O.V.Ramadorai.
28.2.50.

S.No.(35). Submitted for information.

U.S.(P) and D.S.(P) have already seen.

KGB
17.3.50.

17/8/50

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Ministry of E.A.

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D.1272-GII/50. (36)

A draft reply is submitted for approval.

KCB
10.3.50.
KCB
1/8/50

T.K. Swaminathan Shan
11.3.50

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D. 1586-GII/50. (38)

For information.

IANZ Branch may also see.

KCB
27.3.50.
KCB
27/3/50

C.C. Shanmugam
27/3

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AJG
IANZ
27/3
GII

D. 1671-GII/50. (39)

For information.

IANZ Branch may also see.

KCB
30.3.50.
KCB
30/3/50

C.C. Shanmugam
31/3

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AJG

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No Rules or regulations are available in this Ministry governing the use of foreign flags in India by foreigners. The Constitution under which free India will be governed is being drafted. It is possible that some indications may become available from it to ~~xxxx~~ frame rules ~~and~~ regulating the practice by foreigners of their national flags in India. We attempted to secure guidance in this connection from our Ambassadors in China and U.S.A. but have not borne fruit. In our efforts for relevant material only one file (No.F. 562 -N/1931) is available which contains material on question of flying national flags by foreign Diplomatice and Consular representatives, individuals and concerns in Persia" it is not known how far regulations currenct in Persia can be acceptable . Please see the sub-enclosure 2 to S.No.(5) in this file . The gist of the regulations as given there is :-

(A). Foreign Legations, Consulates, etc., may hoist their flags on verticle flag staffs over their buildings, but not from masts planted in the ground on the occasion of their own and Persian Official festivals and on other holidays.

(B). Foreign nationals and institutions may on their official national holidays hoist their national flags on the front of their buildings only from morning until sunset provided the local police authorities have no objection.

(C). The hoisting of foreign flags on flagstaffs planted in the ground is strictly prohibited.

It will be seen from the above that in Persia it is not generally, open to our nationals to fly the Indian flag on their premies. Moreover it would appear from para 435 of Oppenheims International Law Vol.I that the right of hoisting the national flag in a foreign country is one of the Consular privileges only which implies that no one possesses any right to hoist his national flag in any other country but his own.

2. The present reference arose out of the hoisting by certain individuals of the Pakistan flag in Madras and Bihar, whose Governments have appreached the Home Ministry for clarification of ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ correct international diplomatice practice in this regard and instructions, if any, to regulate the practice. Evidently it wil under some such a diplomatice practice as indicated above that the hoisting of the Pakistan flag by persons living in India will have to be reglated. Clearly no person living in India can fly the Pakistan or any other foreign flag till the question of his nationality has been decided under the Indian constitutions . There at the practice of flying of foreign flags in India will evidently be regulated by the rules framed in this connection by the Govt.

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2. Embassy of India in U.S.S.R., Moscow.
3. Embassy of India in France, Paris.
4. Embassy of India in China, Nanking.
5. Embassy of India in Belgium, Brussels.
6. Embassy of India in Egypt, Cairo.
7. Embassy of India in Iran, Tehran.
8. Embassy of India in Nepal, Kathmandu.
9. Embassy of India in Afghanistan, Kabul.
10. Indian Liaison Mission in Tokyo and office of the Political Representative with the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers in Japan, Tokyo.
11. Indian Delegation office, (office of the representative of India to the United Nations Organisation), New York:-
12. Indian Military Mission, Berlin.
13. Legation of India in Switzerland, Berne.
14. Legation of India in Siam, Bangkok.
15. Consulate General of India in the French Establishments in India, Pondicherry.
16. The Consulate General of India in the Portuguese Possessions in India, Goa.
17. Consulate General of India in Indonesia, Batavia.
18. Consulate General of India in Shanghai.
19. His Majesty's Consul General, Kashgar.
20. Office of the Political Officer, Sikkim.
21. Indian Consulate in Indo-China, Saigon.
22. The High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom, London.
23. The High Commissioner for India in Canada, Ottawa.
24. The High Commissioner for India in Australia, Canberra.
25. The High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, Karachi.
26. The Deputy High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, Karachi.
27. The Deputy High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, Lahore.
28. The High Commissioner for India in Ceylon, Colombo.
29. The Agent of the Government of India in Ceylon, Kandy.
30. The Representative of the Government of India in Malaya, Singapore.
31. The Agent to the Government of India in Malaya, Kuala-Lampur.

Sharma/1

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Govt. of India. Till then the local authorities should probably be instructed to prohibit the practice of flying Pakistan and other foreign flags by persons living in India. Home Ministry may see.

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1.A. The President of the Constituent Assembly is entitled to to display the National Flag on his residence and on his motor car.

✓ vide S. No. (3) infra.

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No.41/5/48-Public
Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

From

H.V.R.Iengar, Esquire I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments/Chief Commissioners.

New Delhi 3, the 22nd January 1949.

Subject:- Use of the National Flag.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs letter No.41/5/48-Public, dated the 14th June 1948, on the subject noted above, and to say that it has been further decided that:-

1. Ministers of State of the Central Government should be entitled to display the National Flag on their residence and on their motor car.

2. Speakers of Assemblies, both at the Centre and in the provinces, and Presidents of Upper Chambers, where these exist, should be entitled to display the Flag on their residences and also on their cars;

3. Deputy Ministers of the Central Government should be entitled to fly the Flag on their motor cars but not on their residences;

4. Commissioners of Divisions, Deputy Commissioners and Collectors of districts be entitled to display the Flag on their residences;

5. Ministers, as well as Presidents or Speakers of Legislative Chambers of States and Unions of States should be entitled to display the Flag on their residences and on their motor cars.

Yours faithfully,

(H.V.R.Iengar)
Secretary to the Government of India.

No.41/5/48-Public New Delhi 3, the January 1949.

( ) to Defence and External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, only.

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Deputy Secretary to the Government of Ind

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Government of India.
Ministry of Home Affairs.
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From

A.V.Raman, Esquire, M.A.,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Registrar,
Federal Court,
New Delhi.

New Delhi 3, the 16th April, 1949.

Subject:- Flag to be flown by the Chief Justice of India on his motor car.
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Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of India have decided that the Chief Justice of India who was in the past flying a flag bearing the letters "CJI" on his motor car may continue to fly the same in order to give him facilities and precedence in traffic.

Yours faithfully,

A V Raman

(A. V. Raman)
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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New Delhi-3; the 16th April, 1949.

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2. Private Secretary to Governor General.
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7. Finance (Food Division).
8. Finance (Rev. Division).
9. Finance (Communications Division).
10. Finance (E.A. & States Division).
11. Finance (Defence Division).
12. Director, Intelligence Bureau.
13. Inspector General, Special Police Establishment.
14. Prime Minister's Secretariat.
15. Partition Secretariat.
16. Federal Public Service Commission.
17. Constituent Assmebly of India.
18. Legislative Assembly Department.
19. Federal Court.
20. Director General, Resettlement & Employment (Ministry of Labour)
21. Principal, Indian Administrative Service Training School.
22. Director, Secretariat Training School.
23. Commandant, Central Police Training College, Abu.
24. Department of Scientific Research.

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A V Raman

(A. V. Raman)
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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Ministry of Home Affairs.

From

H.V.R.Iengar, I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

To

All Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners.

NEW DELHI-3, the 19th May, 1949.

Subject:- Use of the National Flag.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs letter No.41/5/48-Public, dated the 22nd January 1949, on the subject noted above. The orders did not make it clear that the President of the Constituent Assembly is also entitled to display the National Flag on his residence and on his motor car. This was an inadvertent omission. I am to request that the following addition may be inserted as sub-para 1A

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of the letter referred to, namely --

"The President of the Constituent Assembly is entitled to display the National Flag on his residence and on his motor car".

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the Government of India.

No:41/11/48-Public. New Delhi-3, the 19th May, 1949.

Copy forwarded for information to all Ministries of the Government of India, including the Constituent Assembly, the Legislative Assembly and the Prime Minister's Secretariat.

By order,

A V Raman

(A.V.RAMAN)
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
PUBLIC WORKS (INFORMATION & PUBLICITY) DEPARTMENT.

PRESS COMMUNIQUE No. 12 dated 6th July '49.

The National Flag of India is the emblem of the Nation and it is essential that it should not be brought into disrepute by unregulated use. The Government have noticed the indiscriminate use of the emblem of the Flag in advertisements, letter papers etc., and would remind the public that such use is not in keeping with the dignity of the National Flag and is therefore prohibited. Attention of the public is in this connection drawn to the provisions in Section 69 of the Trade Marks Act 1940 which prohibit the unauthorised use of the emblem of the National Flag in any trade, business, calling or profession.

Issued by the Director of Information ~~&~~ and
Publicity in charge.

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From ..... Foreign, New Delhi.
To ..... Hicomind, London.

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MOST IMMEDIATE

No.24423. From BAJPAI for KRISHNA MENON.
Your telegram No. 96, dated August 11th. I have spoken to Prime Minister. His view is that, since Pakistan Independence Day is celebrated on 14th (repeat 14th) August, Pakistan crew on JALA USHA should be given opportunity that day to salute their own flag which may be raised on a convenient spot on deck on a flag pole where crew may assemble. On 15th, which is India's Independence Day, Indian National Flag alone should be flown at masthead.

PPS TO PM, PS TO PM, APS TO PM(3), DY MINISTER, SG, FS, ADDL SECY, DHR, JSN, DS(EUR), US(UK), UK Br.(6) and Miny of Commerce.

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Protocol Br. and AD Br. may be interested to see this

Sd Banerji 20/8/49

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Ackd.

EMBASSY OF INDIA,
MOSCOW

13th July, 1949.

Dear Department,

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, U.S.S.R., have, at a personal interview, inquired about the days when the national flag is flown over the Embassy building.

2. During the past year we have flown the flag on the following National and Commonwealth occasions :-

1. Independence Day, August 15.
2. Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary, January 30, (half mast).
3. King's Birthday, June 9.

3. In accordance with local diplomatic custom, the flag has also been flown on the following occasions connected with the USSR :-

1. May Day, May 1.
2. October Revolution, Nov: 7.
3. Lenin's death, January 21, (half mast).

4. Would you kindly inform us if the list of occasions connected with National and Commonwealth events on which the flag should be flown, is correct and complete?

Yours ever,

EMBASSY.

The Ministry of External Affairs,

New Delhi.

EMBASSY OF INDIA MOSCOW

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BY DIPLOMATIC BAG.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI 3.

No. D. 3964-G/49 Dated the 11-8-49.

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The Foreign Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of External Affairs, acknowledges the receipt of your communication No. F. 4-P/49 dated the 13th July, 1949 which is receiving attention.

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To

The Embassy of India,
Moscow.

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DEPARTMENT/OFFICE.

File No.
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Draft Letter ~~Memorandum~~ - ~~Telegram~~ -

No. 1) 3964 - GII/49 Dated 6/9

1. Date of despatch.

2. List of enclosures.

To

Embassy of India, Moscow.

Dear Embassy,

Please refer to your letter No.F.4-P/49 dated the 13th July'49.

2. Your attention is invited to the rules regarding the display of the National Flag of India, a copy of which was sent to you with this Ministry's endorsement No.D.24-GII/48 dated the 22nd June 1948. This will show the occasions on which the National Flag is to be flown.

3. With regard to the hoisting

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hoisting of flag on occasions connected with the U.S.S.R. the international practice is that the flag of a foreign country may be flown by the diplomatic representatives subject to any regulations made by the receiving Govt. in that behalf.

Yours ever,

Ministry of E.A.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
MOSCOW

No. F.4-P/49

19th October, 1949.

Dear Department,

Please refer to your letter No. D.3964-GII/49, dated the 6th September, 1949.

2. Your endorsement No. D.24-GII/48, dated the 22nd June 1948, is not at present available in the Embassy. Will you please send a copy?

Yours ever,

EMBASSY

The Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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1. Date of despatch.
2. List of enclosures.

No. D. 6287-G II/49 Dated 12-11-49.

To

The Embassy of India,
Moscow.

Dear Embassy,

Please refer to your letter No. F. 4-P/49, dated the 19th October 1949.

2. A copy of this Ministry's endorsement No. D. 24-G II/48, dated

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the 22nd June 1948 (with enclosures) is forwarded herewith as desired.

3. Attention is also invited to this Ministry's endorsement No. D. 4802-G II/49, dated the 6th October 1947, copy of which was also sent to you.

Yours ever,

(Ministry of E.A.)

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No. 41/11/49-Public.
Government of India,
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

(44) D4802-Cf/49.

From

FATEH SINGH, Esquire.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners.

NEW DELHI-3, the 29th August, 1949.

SUBJECT:- Use of the National Flag of India and National Anthem.

Sir,

I am directed to say that orders regarding the display of the National Flag of India have been issued from time to time. These rules have now been put together for convenience and are contained in the annexure to this letter.

2. I am to request that necessary steps may be taken to ensure compliance with these rules and that steps may also be taken to give them publicity for the guidance of the public.

3. It has also been brought to the notice of the Government of India that there is no uniformity of practice in regard to the National Anthem. It is suggested that pending a final decision by the Constituent Assembly in this matter the instructions contained in this Ministry's letter No. F.51/255/48-Public, dated the 27th May 1948 (a copy of which is enclosed for ready reference) may be complied with and that "Jana Gana Mana" alone should be recognised as the National Anthem of India.

Yours faithfully,

(FATEH SINGH)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 41/11/49-Public. Dated New Delhi-3, the 29th Aug'49.

* Copy with a copy of the Rules forwarded to all Ministries (except Defence and External Affairs) for information.

Copy with a copy of the Rules forwarded to the Ministry of Defence with the request that necessary instructions may kindly be communicated to all the Defence Services, if this has not already been done.

Copy with a copy of the Rules forwarded to the Ministry of External Affairs for communication to all

Embassies.....

*Spare copies will be sent when received from the Press.

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Embassies and Legations. External Affairs may consider whether in view of the recent incident at Karachi, instructions should not also be issued about the use of the National Flag by Indians residing in foreign countries. A copy of such instructions may be endorsed to us.

By order,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

Bedi(F)/-29/8/-.

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Government of India,
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

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From -

E.C. Gaynor, Esquire., M.B.E.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

To

All Provincial Governments/Chief Commissioners.

New Delhi, the 27th May 1948.

Subject:- National Anthem for India.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the question of having a formal National Anthem for India has been engaging the attention of the Government of India. Whilst it was felt that the final decision in the matter should appropriately be taken by the Constituent Assembly itself, it was nevertheless considered that interim arrangements should be made for the playing of an anthem till such time as a decision is taken. The Government of India have therefore approved the growing practice to play "Jana Gana Mana" on all occasions when a National Anthem is required. I am to enclose a copy of instructions connected with the playing of the Anthem which may, (if the Provincial Governments see no objection), be given.....

( ) to Prov: Govts. only.

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be given effect to immediately.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- E.C. Gaynor,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

No. F.51/255/48-Public. Dated, the 27th May 1948.

Copy, with a copy of the instructions forwarded to all Ministries (except Defence and External Affairs & Commonwealth Relations) for information.

Copy, with a copy of the instructions forwarded to the Ministry of Defence with a request that instructions may kindly be communicated immediately to all the Defence Services.

Copy, with a copy of the instructions forwarded to the Ministry of External Affairs & Commonwealth Relations for communication immediately to all Embassies and Legations.

By order,

Sd/- E.C. Gaynor.
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

Bedi(F)/-29/8/-.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT.

The question of having a formal National Anthem has assumed a certain urgency. It is not desirable to have a variety in this matter. Our foreign embassies specially requested instructions. In foreign countries an Anthem is played on many occasions and we have been asked by the authorities in these foreign countries as to what our Anthem is.

The Government of India considered this matter. They feel that any final decision should be taken by the Constituent Assembly itself. But some interim arrangements have to be made for the playing of an Anthem even before a final decision is taken. For this purpose they approved of the growing practice to play Jana Gana Mana on all occasions when a National Anthem is required. Provincial Governments, Embassies and Legations, and the three defence services are therefore requested to note this provisional direction and to give effect to it.

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The National Anthem must not be played for more than about 45 seconds or one minute. It should be standardised. It should only be played on special occasions and not made to appear too cheap. When it is played respect should be shown to it by standing without moving about.

All India Radio have several versions of Jana Gana Mana supplied by various bands and orchestras. While they represent the same tune they vary slightly. This will be standardised soon. Meanwhile a famous Orchestra has been asked to produce a suitable version for orchestral rendering as well as string band and military band.

As has been suggested above, the Anthem should not be played except on special occasions. It is undesirable for cinema houses or theatres to play it after each performance and this should be defintely discouraged. It should be suggested to cinema houses that at the end of the performance the National Flag should be shown on the screen and the Anthem should not be played, except on special days and on special occasions.

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RULES REGULATING THE DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL FLAG OF INDIA.

The Flag is the emblem of the Nation. It is essential that it should not be brought into disrepute by unregulated use.

The following rules have therefore been prescribed for the display of the National Flag in India:-

1. Display of the Flag on Buildings.

(a) Normally the Flag should be flown only on important Government buildings such as High Court, Secretariats, Commissioners' Offices, Collectorates, Jails and Offices of the District Boards and Municipalities. It should also be flown on the residences of the Ministers (both Central and Provincial), President of the Constituent Assembly of India, Ministers of State of the Central Government, Chief Commissioners, Speakers of Assemblies (both at the Centre and in the Provinces), Presidents of Upper Chambers (where these exist), Commissioners of Divisions, Deputy Commissioners and Collectors of Districts and Ministers as well as Presidents or Speakers of Legislative Chambers, of States and Unions of States.

(b) The Governor-General and Governors have special Flags of their own and they will continue to fly those flags on their residences.

(c) India's representatives in foreign countries and States should fly the flag on their residences.

(d) In frontier areas, the flag may be flown at special places.

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(e) Ruling Princes and Rajpramukhs may also use the Flag on their residences, together with their own State Flags, if they so desire.

(f) The use of the flag by the Army, Navy and the Air Forces will be governed by the special rules made for the purpose.

(g) On special occasions like the Independence Day celebrations, National Week, January 26, and Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday, as well as on any other particular day of National Rejoicing, the use of the flag will be unrestricted.

II. Display of the flag on cars.

The privilege for use of the flag on motors cars will be limited to -

(a) Ministers and Speakers, both Central and Provincial, Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers of the Central Government, President of the Constituent Assembly of India, Presidents of Upper Chambers, where these exist, Chief Commissioners, Ministers, as well as Presidents or Speakers of Legislative Chambers, of States and Unions of States.

(b) India's representatives in foreign countries and States.

(c) Ruling Princes and Raj Pramukhs who may also use their own State Flags, if they so choose.

(d) The Governor-General and the Governors have their own special flags. They will continue to use them. The Provincial Governors, when outside their Provinces, should fly the National Flag of India.

III. The Flag should not be flown by persons other than those mentioned above except on particular occasions, mentioned in I(g) of the rules.

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No.D.4802-GII/49.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI 3.

Dated the 14 September, 1949.

From

C.M.SHARMA,ESQ.,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

To

ALL INDIAN MISSIONS AND POSTS ABROAD.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose an extract from a circular letter No.87/5/47-Pub(B), dated the 21st August,1948 from the Ministry of Home Affairs, in regard to the flying of foreign flags in India. The question whether on occasions such as our Independence Day on August 15th, Indian nationals abroad, could appropriately fly the flag of the Indian Union over their premises would arise; and you may be approached for advice in the matter. The Government of India consider that before tendering any advice you should consult the appropriate authorities in the Covernment to which you are accredited to ascertain whether the flying of our flag on the occasions referred to would accord with the practice followed by nationals of other states on similar occasions, and also whether they would appreciate the flying of their own flags along side ours, on such occasions.

Yours faithfully,

C M Sharma

Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

forwarded for information

Copy Letter 41/11/49 with

reference to their endorsement

No. 41/11/49-Public, dated the 29th August 49

By order, etc.

Sd/. C.M. Sharma.

Asstt. Secy. to the G/I.

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Extract from letter No.87/5/47-Pub(B), dated the 21st August,1949 from the Ministry of Home Affairs to All Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners.

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2. The international practice is that the flag of a foreign country may be flown by the diplomatic and the consular representatives of that country, subject to any regulations made by the receiving Government in that behalf. Apart from this, international law does not recognise the right of any one to fly the flag of a foreign State. As a matter of courtesy, however, most Governments do not object to the flying by foreigners of their own flag on the days of their national festivals, but the foreign nationals normally reciprocate this courtesy by flying side by side both their own flag and the national flag of the country in which they reside.

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1. The First Secretary, Embassy of India in the United States of America, Washington.
2. The ~~Charge d' Affaires~~ Counsellor, Embassy of India in the U.S.S.R. Moscow.
3. The Counsellor, Embassy of India, in China, ~~Nanking~~ Hong Kong.
4. The First Secretary, Embassy of India in Iran, Tehran.
5. -do- -do- Burma, Rangoon.
6. -do- -do- Egypt, Cairo.
7. -do- -do- Afghanistan, Kabul.
8. -do- -do- Turkey, Ankara.
9. -do- -do- France, Paris.
10. The Second Secretary, -do- Belgium, Brussels.
11. The First Secretary, -do- Brazil, Rio de Janeiro.
12. -do- -do- Nepal, Khatmandu.
13. -do- -do- Czechoslovakia, Prague.
14. The Second Secretary, -do- Italy, Rome.
15. The Charge d' Affaires -do- Argentine, Buenos Aires.
16. The Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom, London,
17. The First Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in Australia, Canberra.
18. The Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Africa, Johannesburg.
19. The Second Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in Ceylon, Colombo.
20. The Second Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in Canada, Ottawa.
21. The Second Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, Karachi.
22. The Second Secretary, Legation of India in Siam, Bangkok.
23. The First Secretary, -do- Sweden, Stockholm.
24. The Counsellor, -do- Switzerland, Berne.
25. The Third Secretary, Indian Liaison Mission in Japan, Tokyo.
26. The Second Secretary, Indian Military Mission, In Germany, Berlin.
27. The First Secretary, India Delegation to the United Nations, New York.
28. The Secretary to the Representative of the Government of India in Malaya, Singapore.
29. The Consul General of India in Indonesia, Batavia.
30. -do- Shanghai.
31. -do- Pondicherry.
32. -do- New York.
33. -do- San Francisco.
34. -do- Kashgar.
35. The Political Officer in Sikkim, Gangtok.
36. The Commissioner for the Government of India in British West Indies, Port of Spain, Trinidad.
37. -do- British East Africa, Nairobi,
38. -do- Mauritius, Port Louis.
39. -do- Fiji, Suva.
40. The Consul of India in Indo-China, Saigon.
41. -do- Saudi Arabia, Jedda.
42. -do- Nova Goa.
43. -do Songkhla, South Siam.
44. The Agent to the Government of India in Ceylon, Kandy.
45. -do- Malaya, Kuala Lumpur.
46. The Deputy High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, Lahore.
47. -do- Decca.
48. The Vice-Consul of India, Zahidan.

49. The Vice-Consul of India, Medan.
50. -do- Kandhar.
51. -do- Faladabad.
52. The First Secretary, Embassy of India in Netherlands, The Hague.

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Ministry of E.A. (13)

Issue 16/9/49

DEPARTMENT.

D. 4802-G.II/49

A copy of

The 6.X.49

the undermentioned paper is forwarded to

(As per list attached)

for information and guidance.

By order etc.,

Signature—

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List of papers forwarded.

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Originals.

Letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs, No. 41/11/49-Public, dated 29th August 1949, and enclosures.

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1. The First Secretary, Embassy of India in the U.S.A., Washington.
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3. The Counsellor, Embassy of India in China, ~~Nanking~~ Hong Kong.
4. The First Secretary, Embassy of India in Iran, Tehran.
5. -do- -do- Burma, Rangoon.
6. -do- -do- Egypt, Cairo.
7. -do- -do- Afghanistan, Kabul.
8. -do- -do- Turkey, Ankara.
9. -do- -do- France, Paris.
10. The Second Secretary -do- Belgium, Brussesl.
11. The First Secretary -do- Brazil, Rio de Janeiro.
12. -do- -do- Nepal, Khatmandu.
13. -do- -do- Czechoslovakia, Prague.
14. The Second Secretary, -do- Italy, Rome.
15. The Charge d' Affaires -do- Argentine, Buenos Aires.
16. The Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom, London.
17. The First Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in Australia, Canberra.
18. The Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Africa, Johannesburg.
19. The Second Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in Ceylon, Colombo.
20. The Second Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in Canada, Second Ottawa.
21. The/Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, Karachi.
22. The Second Secretary, Logation of India in Siam, Bangkok.
23. The First Secretary -do- Sweden, Stockholm.
24. The Counsellor, -do- Switzerland, Berne.
25. The Third Secretary, Indian Liaison Mission in Japan, Tokyo.
26. The Second Secretary, Indian Military Mission, in Germany, Berlin.
27. The First Secretary, India Delegation to the United Nations, New York.
28. The Secretary to the Representative of the Government of India in Malaya, Singapore.
29. The Consul General of India in Indonesia, Batavia.
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45. -do- Malaya, Kuala Lumpur.
46. The Deputy High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, Lahore.
47. -do- -do- Dacca.
48. The Vice-Consul of India, Zahidan.
49. -do- Medan.
50. -do- Kandhar.
51. —do— Jalalabad
52. The First Secy., Embassy of India in Netherlands, Hague.

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62, Avenue Franklin Roosevelt,
Brussels.

No. 100/Belg/48.

28th September 1949

Subject: Flying of Flags by Indian Nationals abroad on 15th August, 1949.

S.No. (12)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.D. 4802-GII/49 dated the 14th September, 1949.

2. In Belgium flags are flown widely by everybody on the slightest provocation and it is not unusual on the day of a fair or on the occasion of one of the numerous village and parochial feasts for private houses to be decked with flags of many nations in profusion. No restrictions on foreigners flying flags of their own countries as and when they please seem to exist. In the general mass of flags, no notice is taken whether foreign firms or individuals do or do not fly the Belgian flags alongside their own. This might, of course, change if relations between the country concerned and Belgium was singularly bad.

3. The law on the subject is very fragmentary and merely lays down that any individual may fly the flag of his own country either alone or with other emblems as and when he pleases, provided it does not interfere with traffic and does not occasion a breach of peace.

Yours faithfully,

G.J. Malik.

(G.J. Malik)
Second Secretary

Assistant Secretary,
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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D-6017-G.II/49

No. 17-9/48. 11th October, 1949.

The Assistant Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi 3.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your secret letter No. D.4802-GII/49 dated the 14th September 1949 and to say that in so far as Ceylon is concerned, H.E. the High Commissioner feels that this is not the opportune moment to raise this question at a stage when Ceylon has not yet come to a decision regarding her own national flag. In Ceylon, on important occasions, the Sinhala Lion Flag is flown side by side with the Union Jack, which is still the official flag. There does not appear to be any restrictions imposed on the flying of foreign flags, particularly those of India and Pakistan. It is probable that the Ceylon Government may lay down their regulations regarding the flying of foreign flags by their respective nationals when they finally adopt a national flag of their own. In these circumstances it is felt that this matter may be taken up again at some future date.

Yours faithfully,

(N.E.S. RAGHAVACHARI)
FIRST SECRETARY.

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Singapore, 12th October, 1949

S.NO. (18)

My dear Sharma,

Please refer to your letter No.D.4802-GII/49, dated the 14th September,1949 regarding the flying of Indian Union Flag in foreign countries. The Indians in these areas have been using the Indian Flag on important days like Gandhiji's Birthday, Indian Independence Day, etc. and the local Governments have not so far raised any objection. We, therefore, thought it better not to make any enquiries in this matter but to allow the present position to continue.

But in connection with a recent controversy amongst some Chinese as to the flag to be flown on the 10th October (whether the Nationalist Government Flag or the new Flag adopted by General Mao Tze-tung's Government) the local Governments had an occasion to make a statement of their policy with regard to the flying of foreign flags in Singapore and Malaya. I enclose cuttings from the local papers containing the policy of the Federal as well as the Singapore Government.

A sample of the new Flag of General Mao Tze-tung's Government which was flown on some institutions and shops in Singapore is also sent herewith for your information. You may probably like to use it for the information of the Home Ministry officials.

Yours sincerely,

(S.THAN)

Shri C.M.Sharma,
Assistant Secretary,
E.A.Ministry,New Delhi.

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What flag to fly: Oct. 10 riddle

THE Hokkien Huay Kuan, community guild of Singapore Hokkiens, has decided not to fly the Chinese national flag on October 10, foundation day of the Republic of China.

The question of flying the Chinese People's Government flag is meanwhile being considered by leaders of the Hokkien community.

It is believed that a decision to fly the Chinese People's Government flag will be taken only if this regime is recognised by the British Government.

Other community associations are also considering what flag to fly should the People's Government be recognised.

The Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce, however stated yesterday that it would go ahead with original plans to celebrate the Double Tenth, and it would hoist the Chinese national flag.

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The Singapore Free Press

FRIDAY, Oct. 7, 1949.

LIMA BINTANG TIGA BINTANG

CHINESE Communist flags — red with one large and four small yellow stars — are on sale in Singapore, and are finding ready buyers. But will the buyers be allowed to fly them, as they obviously intend to do? The question is more than academic because many Chinese here have already made it clear they want to fly what they regard as the flag of their country and that they want to swear allegiance to the Mao Tse-tung government. All that holds them back is the fear that the Government would take action against them if they did.

So far both the Singapore and the Federation Governments have refrained from making any pronouncement about the legality of flying the new Chinese People's Government flag, no doubt because of the diplomatic and political implications involved in making the decision. The Nationalist Government is still recognised as the de jure government of China although everybody by now knows that Mao Tse-tung and his Moscow-trained henchmen are the de facto government. There are some Chinese in the Malayan territories who are only waiting for a sign, before they openly and willingly swear allegiance to the new government. They are people who are buying the red flags with their yellow stars. They hope they will be able to fly them on the Double Tenth, the day on which Mao Tse-tung hopes to set the seal on his sweep through China by capturing Canton.

But a decision will have to be made. The business of what flag to fly cannot be allowed to slide along as it is now, with people flying the Chinese Nationalist flag outside their homes and offices and keeping handy a red and yellow inside ready to hoist. If the whole position hinges on which Chinese government is recognised by Britain and her fellow-members in the Commonwealth, then let the Governments say so clearly.

Let them say: "As far as we are concerned, the Nationalist flag is the flag of China and we will not allow any other flag purporting to be the flag of China to be flown. If it is decided to recognise the government proclaimed in Peiping as the government of China, then we will allow the flag it chooses to be flown at appropriate times and in the proper places."

Or it may decide that the only people allowed to fly a foreign flag in Singapore shall be the properly accredited diplomatic representatives of that country and that anybody contravening the permission shall be proceeded against in a court of law. Or it may decide that if a foreign flag is shown it must be flown only alongside the Union Jack or flag of Singapore. It really does not matter what is decided so long as a decision is made known, widely and publicly, so that this time of indecision may be ended once and for all.

Already Malaya suffers from a surfeit of foreign flags, flown on every suitable or unsuitable occasion, on house, shop, office and school. If advantage is taken of this opportunity to put a stop to indiscriminate flag-flying the chances of making a Malayan nation will be vastly improved, for nobody, particularly no impressionable child, can ever forget his country of origin so long as he is being constantly reminded by the flag that it is an object of allegiance to others like himself

With Malaya already plagued as it is with the Tiga Bintang, there should be little likelihood of a Lima Bintang ever being allowed to fly wherever a Communist sympathiser lives. But the failure of the Governments to make a decision as soon as it became evident that more than a few were wanting to fly it leaves an unfortunate impression that permission to fly is being seriously considered. If the Lima Bintang must fly, let its flying be as restricted as possible. If not, say so now.

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NEW FLAG CAN BE FLOWN IN FED.

Free Press Staff Reporter

KUALA LUMPUR, Friday.

THERE is no ban on the flying of the red flag of the new Communist People's Government in China and householders and shopkeepers in the Federation may fly what flag they please, a police spokesman told the Free Press this morning.

None of the new flags are yet on sale in Chinese shops in Kuala Lumpur, however. A Free Press reporter who visited flag-makers' shops this morning found some Chinese Nationalist Government flags being displayed, but none of the new flags.

Flag-makers, meanwhile, would not make any comment, but they are expected to make and display the new flags once the demand for them arises.

The Federation Police Headquarters announced this morning that no public meetings, demonstrations or processions will be allowed in the Federation on the occasion of the Double Tenth anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Republic, which falls on Monday.

There is no objection, however, to private parties being held in Consulate, club, association or chamber of commerce premises, the police headquarters stated.

The Federation is taking action similar to that announced by the Singapore Police yesterday.

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Government statement on flags

Free Press Staff Reporter

NO clear-cut decision has been announced by the Singapore Government about the flying and selling of the Chinese Communist flag in the Colony. The flag made its first appearance on the streets and in shops yesterday.

On Tuesday the Free Press handed to the Colonial Secretary three questions on this subject of flying foreign flags. This morning we received the following statement, the gist of which appears to be that the Communist flag ought not be flown.

"General rules, partly of courtesy, in the matter of flag flying which are accepted as proper in this Colony are as follows:—

"The accredited representative of a member country of the Commonwealth or of a recognised foreign sovereign State flies the Flag of his country from his official residence, office and on his car;

"A private citizen, subject of a member country of the Commonwealth or of a recognised Foreign Sovereign State flies on his country's recognised National Day the Flag of his country from his home and office. It would, however, be recognised as an act of courtesy to His Majesty's Government for the Union Jack to be flown along with the National Flag in such cases.

"Otherwise only the Union Jack should be flown on land. It is emphasised that the flag which a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies who has acquired that status in the Colony is expected to fly, is the Union Jack.

"There are special rules which relate to the Services and to senior officials of the Government of the Colony.

"Rules of Courtesy have at all times to be subordinated to requirements of security and the Government of the Colony would, if the circumstances warranted it (and after a suitable approach had been made in the case of representatives referred to at (a) above), exercise its right to ban the flying of any particular flag.

"Even if such a ban had not been imposed the Government would still take steps if the display of any flag had led or was likely to lead to a breach of the peace.

"The holding of Mass Rallies for any purpose whatsoever would be undesirable during the present Emergency even if the Rally was not likely to lead to any breach of the peace.

"Although Singapore is orderly such Rallies provide too obvious an opportunity for acts of violence to be committed by trouble makers."

More than 60 Chinese associations and public bodies have decided to join the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce in celebrating the Double Tenth. Under existing plans the old Chinese National flag and both Mr. Yong Yit Lin, the president,

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This paragraph in Wednesday's Free Press raised the question of whether nor not the new Chinese Communist flag could be flown in Singapore.

and Dr. Wu Tsak-shing, the Chinese Consul-General will address the gathering.

It is expected that associations, like the Hokkien Huay Kuan, which have decided not to fly the Nationalist flag will hold separate meetings.

The Chinese Consulate-General will be closed for the day on Monday. Three hundred Chinese schools will also close.

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DOUBLE TROUBLE

THE Double Tenth, anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, will dawn tomorrow with the rival heirs of the "Father of Modern China" locked in a great battle which may decide the fate of China for generations to come. And that fate, since the resurgence of Nationalist power is but a faint hope, will almost certainly be the harnessing of the Chinese people to the Communist yoke.

For China, that is a tragic fact whose historical causes no longer really matter. For the rest of Asia it is a dangerous fact that must be guarded against. The menace lies not only in the possible foreign ambitions of a Communist China in the pattern of expanding Soviet domination, but in the effects which Communist victory in the fatherland may have on large populations of Chinese in China's neighbour territories in South-East Asia. The world has seen only too often in the past two decades how totalitarian regimes can, by tortuous methods, intimidate and organise their subjects in foreign lands as a menace to the state in which they live.

What could this mean for Malaya? The Federation Government already has on its hands a costly struggle against alien Communist terrorism; soon it may have a much bigger legion of the weak and the frightened willing to work for foreign masters. Singapore, with its huge population of foreign-born Chinese, is in like case, and the danger to internal security is too obvious to be laboured.

Britain and the Commonwealth nations have not yet recognised the newly-formed Communist government of China, though they almost certainly will as soon as they have received the assurances they require. But for the present—as far as Malaya is concerned—the legal, sovereign government of China is that of President Li Tsung-jen. And the Governments of Malaya should act in accordance with this fact. So far, however, their actions have been characterised by uncertainty and indecision. There are no sudden, unexpected factors in the present situation; it has been developing for months. Communist victory in China is virtually complete, and as the Double Tenth approaches certain sections of the Chinese population of Malaya have been flying, or have indicated their intention to fly, the flag of the unrecognised Communist regime. That is a defiance of international custom which should be prohibited. The government at Canton is a friendly power with which Britain maintains diplomatic relations. Any failure to recognise that in Malaya is an invitation to anarchy.

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Police will stand by for Double Ten

Sunday Times Staff Reporter

SINGAPORE police will stand by at full strength tomorrow, the Double Tenth, anniversary of the foundation of the Republic of China. The acting Commissioner of Police, Mr. E. V. Fowler, told the Sunday Times last night: "If there is any trouble, police will be ready for it." He declined to detail police precautions.

The General Officer Commanding, Singapore, Major-Gen. D. Dunlop, stated: "The police are responsible for the Colony's security. The Army, however, is ready at all times to come to the assistance of the police in the event of an emergency."

It now seems that rival celebrations of the Double Tenth will be held in Singapore—one group, led by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, under the Nationalist flag; the other, led by the Mayfair Dramatic and Musical Association, under the flag of the Communist regime in China.

Schools Join In

For the first time yesterday, several Singapore Chinese schools flew the Chinese Communist flag, while controversy was raging as to whether this flag could be flown.

Since a Government statement issued yesterday morning failed to make a clear-cut decision in the matter, and police also did not take any action against already-hoisted flags, many Chinese are taking it to mean that the Government will allow the flag to be flown.

The Government statement said: "General rules, partly of courtesy in the matter of flag flying which are accepted as proper in this Colony are as follows:—

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Sovereign States

"A private citizen, subject of a member country of the Commonwealth or of a recognised Foreign Sovereign State flies on his country's recognised National Day the Flag of his country from his home and office. It would, however, be recognised as an act of courtesy to His Majesty's Government for the Union Jack to be flown along with the National Flag in such cases.

"Otherwise only the Union Jack should be flown on land."

As a result there were other public bodies and firms flying the Chinese flag yesterday, beside the Mayfair Dramatic and Musical Association, which was the first to do so.

Brisk sales of the Chinese Communist flag reported by tailors and other establishments also indicated that many Chinese individuals, firms, associations and public bodies were preparing to hoist the flag on the Double Tenth.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
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THE 2nd November 1949.

Dear Ministry,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.D.4802-GII/49 dated the 14th September, 1949, on the subject of flying of flags.

Yours ever,

Embassy of India.

EMBASSY OF INDIA,
PRAGUE

The Min.of External Affairs,
Govt.of India,New Delhi.

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INDIAN LIAISON MISSION
TOKYO

No.F.29(53)/49/2Ø17 November 3rd, 1949.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to forward for your information and guidance the attached note containing the Government of India's instructions regarding the use of the National Anthem of India and the Indian National Flag.

2. The position regarding the use of the National Flag by Indian nationals resident in Japan, is the same as that applicable in the case of the public in India viz., unrestricted use of the National Flag is allowed only on special occasions like the Independence Day, National Week, January 26th and Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday as well as any special days of national rejoicing. No special permission from the SCAP or the Japanese Government for the use of the Indian National Flag on these occasions is necessary. It should, however, be noted that permission should be obtained from the appropriate local Occupation Authorities when such displays are connected with parades, demonstrations and public meetings, etc. but such permission would pertain to the parades, demonstrations, etc. rather than to the display of the flag. Indian National Flag should not be flown in conjunction with the Japanese flag under any circumstances.

Yours faithfully,

P. Rahman

First Secretary,
Indian Liaison Mission.

To (i) The Secretary, Indian Association, Tokyo.
(ii) The Secretary, Indian Association, Osaka.
(iii) The Secretary, Indian Chamber of Commerce, Kobe.

Secret Endt.No.F.29(53)/49/2017 Nov. 3, 1949.
Copy forwarded to the Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of External Affairs, with reference to his letter No.D.4802-GII/49 dated 14th September 1949.

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RANGOON, 15 November, 1949.

Dear Ministry,

S.No(12)

With reference to your Secret Circular letter No.D.4802-GII/49 dated the 14th September, 1949, I am directed to state that the extract of the circular letter referred to in your letter has not been received along with this letter.

2. We feel that it is not necessary to refer the matter to the Government of Burma on the subject of flying of our national flags on occasions such as our Independence Day on August 15th, as the Burma Government has until now made no objections to the flying of our national flags by the Indian nationals over their premises.

Yours ever,

INDIAN EMBASSY ★ RANGOON ★

Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI.

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No. D. 6334-CII/49 Dated 12-XI-49

1. Date of despatch.
2. List of enclosures.

To

The Indian Embassy,
Rangoon.

Dear Embassy,

Para 1 of Please refer to your letter No. 665B 49/750, dated the 1st Nov. 1949.

2. A copy of the enclosure to this

S. No. (19) - P.R.

Attached to D.F.A. (Despatch Br. may please take care to ensure that the enclosure is not left out this time).

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Ministry's circular letter
No. D. 4802-G II/49,
dated the 14th Sept '49,
is forwarded herewith.

Yours ever,

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Ref. No. F.4-4/48-CEA.

Dated, NAIROBI, the 27th Sept. 1949.
(Kenya)

This may be examined with the Rules regarding the use of the National Flag.

Ackd.

To

The Under Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Sub: Flying the Flag.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith an extract from a letter dated the 16th October, 1948, and a copy of a letter dated the 20th September, 1949, from Mr. D.M. Anjaria of Dar-es-Salaam, and to request you kindly to furnish this office with material for a reply.

Yours faithfully,

Commissioner.

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Extract from letter dated the 16th October, 1948, from Mr.D.M. Anjaria, P.O. Box 34, DAR ES SALAAM, to Shrimant Apasaheb Pant, Nairobi.

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FLYING THE FLAG. Immediately after the Independence Day when I was in charge I had given instructions to all Hindu Mandals that the National Flag was on no account to be flown except on recognised National Days as laid down by the Government of India. That on every such occasion the Union Jack as the Flag of the Country should be shown courtesy by being flown at an equal height. I have found that this is irksome to many of our nationals and they have evaded it by pleading that they have no jack. So far we have managed to cover this up by telling the Government in advance that if it is not flown it is due to the shortage of flags and not due to any disrespect but how long can this last as the flags are now available. I do not know the position in Nairobi but here we have to take note of the Royal Navy which may happen to be here on some days and they are rather very particular about this. There is also a tendency to use the Flag and the miniatures as decorations at marriages and parties. This must have been noticed by you. I have found that old flags are not burnt as they should always be but used as rags to clean cars. It is essentials that official instructions ought to be issued from your office.

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Copy of ltter dated 20th Sept. 1949, from Mr.D.M. Anjaria, ~~P.O.Box 84~~ Nairobi, to the Commissioner for the Government of India in British East Africa, Nairobi.

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I refer to my letters where I had committed on the express need of clear cut instructions to our Nationals as to their flying the flag in this country.

As I understand the position Our Flag can be flown by itself on the Commissioner's Office, Residence & Car. In all other cases the flag of the country (in our case here "Union Jack') should also be flown side by side - courtesy flag to show that we do not fly our flag without permission or as taking possession of this country in the name of our Flag. Very few people realize the implication of hoisting or flying a Sovereign Nation's Flag in the land of another Sovereign nation.

It has been all along an uptill task to persuade our nationals to fly the Union Jack . They find excuses not to do so. So far it has been tolerated but on and after 26.1.1950 the position may become delicate and any British National wishing to create trouble may even hand down a Flag flying alone. Thus due to ignorance some of our nationals might cause our Flag to be insulted and hence I would suggest that the Commissioner should cause explicit instructions to be given to our nationals in this matter and no individual or institution should) go counter to it.

The use by Indian Nationals, of the flag as a mere decoration ought to end.

2. In U.K. "Royal" "Imperial" such names are not allowed to be used in business. Can we stop or persuade persons naming their houses "India House" etc. I think that name should be solely used for either the office or residence of the diplomatic representative.

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No. D. 6672- GII/49 Dated 28.XI.49.

2. List of enclosures

To

The Commissioner for the Govt. of India in British East Africa, Nairobi.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. F.4-4-/48-CEA, dated the 27th September'49, and to invite your attention to this Ministry's circular letter No.D.4802-GII/49, dated the 14th September'49 (copy enclosed for ready reference) in which the principles in regard to the flying of our National Flag in foreign countries have been explained.

2. There is no justification to use the flag which is the emblem of the Nation, as decorations at marriages and parties or as rags to clean cars. In this connection I am to draw your attention to the Press Communique from the Govt. of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs No.41/5/48-Public dated 16th June 1948(copy enclosed for ready reference).

3. The name of private residence, however, is a personal matter and it is inappropriate for Govt. to issue any instructions in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

A.S.(G)

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Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs.

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New Delhi, the 15th December 1949.

From:-

C.M. Sharma, Esquire,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs.

To

The Commissioner for the Government of India
in British East Africa, Nairobi.

S.No. (23)

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated the 28th November 1949, I am directed to say that although the question of naming of residences is a personal matter, yet the Indian community should be advised not to name their private houses etc. as "India House" which is a clearly understood designation for the official premises of our representative in overseas countries.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

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No. F.41/18/49-Public.
Government of India,
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

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From

FATEH SINGH, Esquire.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

To

All Provincial Governments and
Chief Commissioners.

NEW DELHI-3, the 9th November, 1949.

Subject: RULES FOR THE DISPLAY OF NATIONAL FLAG AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.

S. No. (11) ante

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 41/11/49-Public, dated the 29th August 1949, and to say that following amendments may be made in the Rules regulating the display of the National Flag of India, namely:-

In rule 1, the existing sub-rule (b) may be re-numbered as sub-rule (b)(i) and the following new sub-rules may be added namely:-

(b)(ii) If the Governor-General or the Prime Minister while visiting a Province stays with the Governor in the Government House, the Governor-General's flag or the National flag of India (till such time as the Prime Minister has his own flag) as the case may be, should also be flown on the top of the main building or on the top of the wing, where the Governor-General or Prime Minister happens to reside, or in a conspicuous part of the forecourt or the main approach.

(b)(iii) If the Governor stays in a Circuit House within his Province and the Governor-General or the Prime Minister also stays in the same house as his guest, the same practice as at (b)(ii) should be followe`.

(b)(iv) If the Governor-General or the Prime Minister proceeds to a Provincial Town where the Governor is not present, the Governor-General's flag or the National flag of India, as the case may be, should be conspicuously displayed on a flagstaff or an improvised pole on the top of the house.

(b)(v) If the Governor-General or the Prime Minister visits a State or a State Union the same procedure as indicated at (b)(ii) to (b)(iv) should be followed.

The existing sub-rule (c) may be amended to read as follows:-

"(c).....

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"(c) Heads of Indian Missions in foreign countries and States should fly the Flag on their residences and also on their offices where the latter are separate from the former".

Yours faithfully,

(Fateh Singh)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

No. F.41/18/49-Public. Dated New Delhi-3, the 9th Novr, 1949.

Copy to all Ministries of the Government of India (except States) with reference to this Ministry's endorsement No. 41/11/49-Public, dated 29th August, 1949.

S.No. (11) ante

*with a copy of the letter referred to above.

*Copy to the Prime Minister's Secretariat
Military Secretary to the Governor-General.
Private Secretary to the Governor-General

Copy to the Ministry of States for information and communication to the States and Unions of States.

By order etc.

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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Ministry of Ext. Affairs

.....DEPARTMENT.

No. D. 6489-G II/49

A copy of The 19.XI is forwarded to all Indian Missions and Posts abroad for information in continuation of this Ministry's endorsement No. D. 4802-G II/49, dated the 6th October '49.

The undermentioned papers are forwarded to

2: A copy of this Ministry's endorsement No. D. 4802-G II/49 dated 6th Oct 49, is forwarded for information.

By order etc.,

Signature

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15. The Charge d'Affaires -do- Argentine, Buenos Aires.
16. The Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom, London.
17. The First Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in Australia, Canberra.
18. The Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Afrida, Johannesburg.
19. The Second Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in Ceylon, Colombo.
20. The Second Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in Canada, Ottawa.
21. The Second Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, Karachi.
22. The Second Secretary, Legation of India in Thailand, Bangkok.
23. The First Secrerary, -do- Sweden, Stockholm.
24. The Counsellor, -do- Switzerland, Berne.
25. The Third Secretary, Indian Liaison Mission in Japan, Tokyo.
26. The Second Secretary, Indian Military Mission in Germany, Berlin.
27. The First Secretary, India Delegation to the United Nations, New York.
28. The Secretary to the Representative of the Govt. of India in Malaya, Singapore.
29. The Consul General of India in Indonesia, Batavia.
30. -do- Shanghai.
31. -do- Pondicherry.
32. -do- New York.
33. -do- San Francisco.
34. -do- Kashgar.
35. The Political Officer in Sikkim, Gangtok.
36. The Commissioner for the Govt. of India in British West Indies, Port of Spain, Trinidad.
37. The Commissioner for the Govt. of India in British East Africa, Nairobi.
38. -do- -do- Mauritius, Port Louis.
39. -do- -do- Fiji, Suva.
40. The Consul of India in Indo-China, Saigon.
41. -do- -do- Saudi Arabia, Jedda.
42. -do- -do- Nova Goa.
43. -do- -do- Songkhla, South & Thailand.
44. The Agent to the Govt of India in Ceylon, Kandy.
45. -do- -do- Malaya, Kuala Lumpur.
46. The Deputy High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, Lahore.
47. -do- -do- Dacca.
~~48. The Adviser to the Governor of Assam for Tribal Areas, Shillong.~~
49. The Vice- Consul of India, Zahidan.
50. -do- Medan.
51. -do- Kandhar.
52. -do- Jalalabad.
53. The First Secretary, Embassy of India in Holland The Hague.
54. The First Secretary, Legation of India in Portugal, Lisbon.

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
SAIGON

No.413

F.176/IC/48
Dated December 13, 1949

Sir

With reference to your endorsement No.D.6489-GII/49, dated the 19th November, 1949 I have the honour to request that two copies of the Ministry of Home Affairs letter No.41/18/49-Public, dated the 9th November, 1949, regarding the Rules for the display of National Flag and amendments thereto may kindly be supplied to this office urgently. The copy received with your above endorsement is not complete, the second page not having been sent.

2. As an additional copy of general circulars is required for the Consular Agent of India at Hanoi, this office may in future be supplied with two copies.

Yours faithfully

(S.D.Pathak)
Vice-Consul

The Assistant Secretary to the
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

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No. D. 7207-G II/49 Dated 26/12 .49.

To

The Consul General of India,
Saigon.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 413, dated the 13th December '49, I am directed to forward herewith two copies of the Ministry of Home Affairs letter No. 41/18/49-Public, dated the 9th November '49, together with two copies of their letter No. 41/11/49-Public, ~~the same number,~~ dated the 29th August '49.

2. Para 2 of your letter

1. Date of despatch.

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letter under reply has been noted.

Yours faithfully,

A.S. (G)

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Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

From

Fateh Singh, Esqr.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments and
Chief Commissioners.

New Delhi,3,the 27th December, 1949.

Subject:- Rules for the display of the National Flag - Amendments -

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the correspondence resting with this Ministry's letter of even number dated the 9th November 1949, and to say that following further amendments may be made in the rules regulating the display of the National Flag, namely :-

1. In sub-rule (a) of rule I

(i) for the words "important Government buildings" the words "important Government and States buildings" may be substituted;

(ii) after the words "Chief Commissioners" the words "Regional Commissioners in the States and Unions of States," may be added;

(iii) for the words "Commissioners of Divisions" and "Collectors of Districts", the words "Commissioners of Divisions in Provinces, States and Unions of States" and "Collectors

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of Districts in Provinces, States and Unions of States" respectively may be substituted.

2. In sub-rules (b)(ii) to (b)(v) of rule I,

for the words "the Prime Minister" wherever they occur, the words "the Prime Minister or the Deputy Prime Minister" may be substituted.

3. In sub-rule (a) of rule II, after the words "Chief Commissioners", the words "Regional Commissioners in the States and Unions of States" may be added.

Yours faithfully,

(FATEH SINGH)
DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No.F.41/18/49-Public. New Delhi,3,the 27th December, 1949.

Copy to all Ministries of the Government of India etc. including Prime Minister's Secretariat, Military Secretary to the Governor General, Private Secretary to the Governor General for information and necessary action with reference to this Ministry's endorsement of even number of the 9th November, 1949.

By Order,

(FATEH SINGH)
DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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OFFICE OF THE N/9/HCI.

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA IN AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

22nd December, 1949.

The Secretary to the
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI, India.

Subject:- Rules for the display of National Flag and amendments thereto.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. D.6489-G11/49, dated 19th November, 1949, on the above subject, I am directed to say that as endorsement No. 4802-G11/49 dated 6th October, 1949, mentioned therein is not traceable in this office, a copy of it may kindly be sent to this office at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

(A.S. Bedi)
for Official Secretary.

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No. 1 . 102-G II/50 Dated 18.1.50

1. Date of despatch.
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To

The Official Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner
for India in Australia,
Canberra

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. N/9/HCI, dated the 22nd December '49, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of this Ministry's circular endorsement

* attached to DFA.

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No. D.4802-GII/49 dated
6th October 49 (with enclosure).

Yours faithfully,
sd/(CH Sharma
AS (G)

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA
CANADA

No. 233/49.

202 Elgin Street,
Ottawa, Ontario,
January 5, 1950.

SECRET

The Secretary to
the Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi, India.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. D.4802-G.II/49 of 14th September, 1949 on the subject of flying of Indian National Flag on certain occasions by Indian nationals abroad, and to enclose copy of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Canada, Note No. 128 of December 7, 1949 received in reply to our communication to him.

The copy of the Note No. 1 of January 8, 1948, referred to in the Secretary of State's Note, was forwarded to you with this office letter No. HCC/RI-4/47 dated the 12th January, 1948. Another copy is however enclosed for your ready reference.

On this subject Sardar H. S. Malik felt that the local practice might be followed which is not to fly the flag over the Residence except on special occasions. The present High Commissioner concurs in this view but would welcome the directions of the Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

P. K. Banerjee,
Second Secretary.

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No. 128

The Secretary of State for External Affairs presents his compliments to the High Commissioner for India and has the honour to refer to the High Commissioner's Note No. 233/49 of November 2, 1949 stating that the Government of India has under consideration the question whether, on occasions such as India's Independence Day, Indian nationals abroad could appropriately fly the flag of the Indian Union over their premises, and that the High Commissioner desires to ascertain the practice in Canada in this matter.

2. The Department of the Secretary of State to whom this question was referred states that in Canada the display of flags on land is not subject to civilian regulations and is governed entirely by the dictates of good taste and good judgment. The Department also states that international courtesy suggests that in Canada the Canadian flag be flown beside the flag of another nation on a private individual's premises, and that the two flags should be of equal size and flown at equal height.

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3. In connection with this matter, pages 62-63 infra reference may be made to Note No. 1 of January 8, 1948 from the Secretary of State for External Affairs to the High Commissioner.

Ottawa, December 7, 1949.

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Department of External Affairs
Canada

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs presents his compliments to the High Commissioner for India and has the honour to refer the the High Commissioner's Note of November 13, 1947, by which he is informed that the Government of India contemplates prescribing rules for the proper use of the Indian national flag and is requested to advise as to the Canadian regulations on the subject.

The Department of the Secretary of State to whom this query was referred state that the display of flags on land in Canada is not the subject of civilian regulations and is governed entirely by the dictates of good tastes and good judgment.

There are, of course, directives issued on the subject for use by the Departments of the Federal Government such as those contained in Order in Council P.C. 5888 of September 5, 1945, requiring the Canadian Red Ensign to be flown on Canadian Government buildings both at home and abroad. In this Order in Council there is a statement to the effect that it would be appropriate to fly the Canadian Red Ensign wherever the place or occasion may make it desirable to fly a distinctive Canadian flag until such time as Parliament adopts formally a national flag.

'A' The following are instructions given to Canadian posts in foreign countries. It is considered appropriate to hoist the Canadian Red Ensign at both the Chancery and the

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official residence from sunrise to sunset as follows:

At mast-head

On the day proclaimed for the official celebration in Canada of the King's Birthday (as notified annually by individual instruction).

On July 1st - Dominion Day.

On national and local holidays of the country in which Post is situated.

During the stay in port of one of H.M.C. ships.

As a courtesy on the national holidays of other countries represented in the same capital, if in accordance with local custom.

At half-mast

(a) When official Canadian mourning requires it, in accordance with the instructions on official mourning.

(b) On the death or funeral of a local dignitary or of dignitaries or representatives of other countries represented at the capital, as signified by the foreign Chief of Protocol or Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

It is hoped this information will be a satisfactory answer to the query from the Indian Government.

Ottawa, January 8, 1948.

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No.D.265-GII/50 Dated 20.2.1950.

To

The Second Secretary,

Office of the High Commissioner for India

in Canada, Ottawa.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.233/49, dated the 5th January'50 regarding the flying of Indian National Flag on Residence, I am directed to invite your attention to this Ministry's circular endorsement No.D.6489-GII/49, dated 19th November'49 forwarding Ministry of Home Affairs letter No.F.41/18/49-Public, dated 9th November'49 which inter alia lays down that "Heads of Indian Missions in foreign countries and States should fly the Flag on their residences and also on their offices where the latter are separate from the former". It is also clear from the Canadian Govt. note No.1 of Jan.8'48, copy forwarded with your letter under reply that they have also given instructions to their posts in foreign countries regarding the flying of Canadian Red Ensign at

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INDIAN EMBASSY,
NEPAL.

January 13, 1950.

The Under Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Sir,

I am to inform you that, on 5th January 1950, we called a meeting of some representative Indian nationals of Katmandu in connection with the celebration of the inauguration of the Republic of India on 26th January.

2. During the course of the discussion, some Indians enquired whether there would be any objection to their hoisting the National Flag of India on 26th January outside the Embassy area.

3. We referred the question to the Government of Nepal through the Nepalese Officer attached to this Embassy. He has now informed us that Indian nationals residing in Katmandu can hoist the National flag of India at one place only i.e. Jamal - a small colony of Indian professors and at no other place.

4. In view of this attitude of the Government of Nepal, I am to suggest, for the consideration of the Government of India, that the Nepalese nationals in India should not be allowed to hoist their National flag on the days of their National festivals in India since the Nepalese Government is unwilling to show this courtesy to us. In this connection, a reference is invited to para 2 of the Ministry of Home Affairs letter No. 87/5/47-Pub(B) dated 21-8-1949 enclosed with Mr. C.M.Sharma's letter No. D.4802-GII/49 dated 14th September, 1949.

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5. If the Government of India agree with the above suggestion, and if they have no objection, their decision may be communicated to the Nepalese Ambassador in New Delhi.

Yours faithfully,

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(S.Gupta),
FIRST SECRETARY.

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No.G/6-13/49.

EMBASSY OF INDIA,
Via Lovanio, 24,
Rome.

18th February, 1949.

Dear Ministry,

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Please refer to your letter No.D.4802-GII/49, dated the 14th September, 1949 in regard to the Flying of Foreign Flags in India.

We have made enquiries from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and they have informed us that according to the Italian Law, all Foreign Nationals, other than those enjoying diplomatic immunity, must fly both the flags (i.e. their National Flag and the Italian National Flag) together.

Yours ever,

EMBASSY OF INDIA
Chancery.
ROME
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To

Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR INDIA IN PAKISTAN
"DAMODAR MAHAL"
KARACHI. 5

No. S-25-IHC/48/VIII/43 Dated the 25th January, 1950.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Subject:- Flying of the Indian National Flag.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for information a copy of this office Note No. S.25-IHC/48-VIII dated 7th January, 1950 and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations (Government of Pakistan) reply No. D.506-IC/50 dated the 23rd January, 1950, regarding the flying of the Indian National Flag by the Indian Nationals in General in Pakistan.

The Notification referred to in the Ministry's Note is published in the Government of Pakistan, No. 24 of 17th June, 1940 - Part I - Section I(Page 291).

Yours faithfully,

J. C. Kakar

(J. C. KAKAR)
Secretary to the High Commissioner
for India in Pakistan, Karachi.

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Copy of note No.S.25.IHC/48.VIII, dated the 7th January, from the High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, Karachi, to Secretary to the Government of Pakistan, Ministry pf Foreign A and Commonwealth Relations, Karachi.

The Indian High Commission present compliments to the Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, Karachi, and have the honour to enqu whether the flying of the Indian National flag by the Indian Nationals in General in Pakistan over their premises, on the occasions of National rejoicing such as the Inauguration of t Republic of India on January 26th, 1950, would accord with the practice followed by Nationals of other States on similar occasions and whether the Government of Pakistan would appreciat the flying of their own Flag alongside the Indian flag on such occasions.

The Commission take this opportunity to renew to the Government of Pakistan the assurance of their highest considera

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Copy of letter No. D.506-Ic/50, dated the 23rd January, 1950, from the Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, Karachi, to the Indian High Commission in Pakistan, Karachi.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations present their compliments to the Indian High Commiss and with reference to their note No.S.25.IHC/48-VIII dated the 7th January, 1950, have the honour to say that the Government Pakistan ~~xxxx~~ are not fully aware what the practice followed by nationals of other states on similar occasions is. However this matter is governed not by practice but by rule; and in th connection they would invite attention to Notification No. 34/30/40-Public dated 8th of June, 1949, of the Government of Pakistan in the Ministry of Interior (Home Division) which mak it clear that the wishes of the Government of Pakistan are tha foreign flags should be Hoisted only in diplomatic Premises, or on the cars of the diplomatic officers.

2. In the circumstances, they trust that the High Comm ssion will appreciate that it would not be appropriate for Indian nationals other than diplomatic officers to hoist the Indian Natuonal flag on the occasions mentioned. The question of the flying of the Pakistan National flag alongside the Indian flag does not, therefore, arise.

The Ministry avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission the assurance of their highest consideration.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
7, Avenue Kleber
31 RUE DE LA BAUME
PARIS (16e)

No.F.38(4)/49.

February, 25th 1950,

Dear Department,

Please refer to your circular memorandum No. D.4802.GII/49, dated the 6th October, 1949, regarding the "Rules regulating the display of the National Flag of India".

The text of Rule I (g) does not appear on the cyclostyled copy of the Rules received by us. We shall be grateful if the same is communicated to us as early as possible.

Yours ever,

Chancery.

To

The Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

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No. D. 1272-GII/50 Dated 21-3-50.

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To

The Embassy of India,
Paris

Dear Embassy,

Please refer to your letter No. F. 38(4)/47, dated the 25th Feb' 50.

2. A copy of the Ministry of Home Affairs letter No. 41/11/49-Public, dated the 29th August '49 regarding the use of the National Flag of India and National Anthem,

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forwarded with this Ministry's circular endorsement No. D. 4802-GII/49 dated the 6th Oct '49, is enclosed.

Yours ever,

Ministry F.E.R.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
P.O. 178 (BOX)
DJAKARTA.

March 10, 50.

The Assistant Secretary
to the Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Subject:- Flying of national flags by aliens in Indonesia, etc.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 4802-G.II/49, dated the 14th September, 1949, and to forward herewith a copy of press note No. 231323/2, dated the 23rd December, 1949, issued by the National Preparatory Committee, a body constituted for the purpose of making arrangements for the transfer of Sovereignity in the country.

Yours faithfully,

(M.R.A.Baig)
Charge d' Affaires.

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JOINT STATEMENT OF THE CONTACT COMMITTEE OF V.F.R. AND P.P.N. RE. THE FLYING OF FLAGS AFTER TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY.

1. Government offices and other public buildings (stations, post offices and the like) must fly the Red-White flag from the moment of the transfer of soverignty. Negaras, with a flag of their own, may hoist the Negara flag in addition to their Red-White flag, on their own public offices if there are no Federal offices established in the same building. The Red White flag must, in any case, be flown to the right of the Negara flag, looking from the building. From Federal Government offices, only the Red-White flag is to be flown, also in the Negaras.

2. The above equally applies to official residences, irrespective of the nationality of the official concerned. If the official concerned holds his post under Federal authority, only the Red-White flag is to be flown from the official residence. In case he holds his post under Negara authority, he may fly the Negara flag, if any, beside the Red-White flag; to be placed to the right of the Negara flag.

3. It is emphasized that private individuals, irrespective of their nationality, are not obliged to fly flags. If no flags are flown by such persons this should not be explained as a lack of sympathy with national events. It should not be forgotten that conditions such as shortage of flag supplies preclude flags being flown in many cases. In case however flags are being flown, the following rules apply which- be it noted - have always been valid in this country with the difference, that now the Red- White flag replaces the Netherlands tricolour.

4. From private residences of R.I.S. citizens, only the red-white flag is flown. It is of course understood that in Negaras with a flag of their own, the Negara flag may also be flown on the left hand side of the Red White flag looking from the building.

5. From private residences occupied by aliens, national flags may be flown by the side of the Red White flag. In such cases the Red White flag is to be placed to the right hand side of the other flag. In no circumstances may foreign flags be flown alone.

6. The above does not apply to offices and residences of Diplomatic and Consular representatives of foreign countries. They, if so desired, may fly their own National flag by itself.

7. The previous paragraph (6) also applieds to the Commander of the Netherlands Forces in Indonesia, and the Commanderof the Navy in the East (Flag Officer of the Royal Navy in Indonesia).

8. In accordance with international usage Netherlands Military Head and Staff Quarters, as well as Camps in which Forces under Netherlands Command are stationed, fly the Netherlands flag only.

9. As regards the flying of flags from Government Offices and private buildings, the following rules apply :

   a) The Red-White flag is hoisted one half hour after sunrise and is struck one half hour before sunset;
   b) In cases where more than one flag is flown from buildings or residences, the flags to be of equal size and to be flown at equal height from the ground.

10. These rulings come into force as from the moment of the transfer of sovereignty in Amsterdam.

    The ceremonial striking of the Netherlands flag, followed by the ceremonial hoisting of the Red-White flag, takes place at the Palace Koningsplein only. The Navy will have their own ceremonial according to recognized national usage. Of course, it is recommended that a flag ceremony be held on the occasion of the transfer of sovereignty in the capitals of the Partipant Territories, although, on these occasions only the Red-White flag is to be hoisted.

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OFFICE OF THE N/9/HCI,

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA IN AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

6th March, 1950.

The Secretary to the
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI, India.

Re: Flying of Foreign Flags in India.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 4(02)/GII/49, dated 14th September, 1949, on the above subject, I am directed to say that the following advice has been received from the Commonwealth Government of Australia:

"The present practice in Australia is that normally an Australian flag should be flown with the flag of another country on the national day of that particular country when that day is celebrated officially in Australia.

However, at the present time, the general question of the flying of foreign flags in Australia is under consideration. Should such reconsideration lead to any change in the position, I shall advise you further."

Yours faithfully,

(J.N. Dhamija)
Official Secretary.

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No. 87/5/47-Pub(B).
Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

From 16/8/48

H.V.R.Iengar, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments &
Chief Commissioners.

New Delhi, 3, the 21st August 1948.

Subject:- Flying of foreign flags -

Sir,

Two Provincial Governments have enquired as to what attitude they should adopt in regard to the flying of the Pakistan flag within the territories of the Indian Dominion.

2. The international practice is that the flag of a foreign country may be flown by the diplomatic and the consular representatives of that country, subject to any regulations made by the receiving Government in that behalf. Apart from this, international law does not recognise the right of any one to fly the flag of a foreign State. As a matter of courtesy, however, most Governments do not object to the flying by foreigners of their own flag on the days of their national festivals, but the foreign nationals normally reciprocate this courtesy by flying side by side both their own flag and the national flag of the country in which they reside.

3. The question raised by the Provincial Governments does not, however, relate to the flying of the Pakistan flag by the Pakistan nationals resident in India. Although, in view of the large scale transfer of population, the question of Pakistan and Indian nationality is still in a

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state of flux, it may be assumed that all the Muslims in India who wanted to go to Pakistan have already done so and consequently the Muslims resident in this Dominion are the nationals of India. If therefore a Muslim flies a Pakistan flag in India, the question that arises is not one to be settled by international law or practice, but a domestic matter of law and order.

4. There is no law at present against a Muslim in India hoisting the Pakistan flag. Moreover, so far as the Government of India are aware, the number of occasions on which private citizens may have displayed the Pakistan flag has been extremely few. In view of this, the Government of India consider that -

(a) no prosecution can lie; and

(b) the police would not be justified in pulling down the flag.

But the display of the Pakistan flag by a person other than a diplomatic representative of Pakistan in this country will be prima facie evidence of disloyalty and, in view of the conditions prevailing in the country and Pakistan, such display would be likely to lead to a breach of the public peace. The Government of India suggest that such persons should be warned against displaying the flag and, if they fail to comply, they may be dealt with under the relevant security sections of the Criminal Procedure Code or the Public Safety Acts.

Yours faithfully,

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(H.V.R. IENGAR)
Secretary to the Government of India.

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Copy of a letter from the Ministry of External Affairs No. 41-(44)-G/48, dated the 7th May 1949 to the Head of the Indian Military Mission Berlin, BAOR 2.

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1. I am directed to refer to your letter No.F.1317/1/A(7)/9 dated the 17th January 1949 and to say that Mr, Karl Fachinger may kindly be informed that Royal Indian Navy ships wear the ordinary National flag with no "Crown" or "Lion" at the jackstaff. Similarly the "White Ensign" flown at the ensign staff is the ordinary "White Ensign" flown by ships of the Royal and Dominion Navies.

2. Your presumtion that the term "Province" for the purpos of flags includes besides the Governor's Provinces the various Chief Commissioners and the States Unions is not correct. The term "Province" means only the Province of a Governor. The following are the various Governor's Provinces:-

(1)Bombay.(2)Madras,(3) West Bengal,(4)United Provinces,(5) East Punjab,(6)Bihar,(7)Central Provinces(8)Orissa and(9)Assam. The Chief Commissioner do not have their own flags. They fly the National Flag of India.

3. Acceding States and Unions of States are now part of the Dominion of India and the National Flag of India is also their National Flag. The Unions of States have no flags of their own. Rulers of certain viable States have their own flags, the details of which are not readily available. The National Flag of India does not supplant the distinctive flag of the Ruler of a State within the State Territory.

4. Sketches of the Indian National flag and flags of the Governor General, Governor of East Pubjab and a rough sketch of the white ensign worn by ships of the Royal Indian Navy are sent herewith for onward transmission to Mr. Karl Fachinger.

5. Mr. Karl Fachinger may also be informed that this also disposes of his letter dated the 23rd December(Copy enclosed) addressed direct by him to the Commander Royal Indian Navy, New Delhi.

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Copy forwarded for information to the Naval Headquarters New Delhi with reference to their u.o.No.CM/436 dated the 3rd May 1949.

By order, etc.,

Sd/.C.M.Sharma.
Assistant Secretary to Govt. of India.

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subject which have already been circulated to our Missions
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(i) Flying of National Flag in British East Africa
side by side with Union Jack.
(ii) Using the Flag as decorations at marriages and
Parties, or to clean cars.
(iii) Naming of private residences as ' India House'.
As regards (i) please see our circular letter No.
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D. 4802-GII/49, dated 14.9.49 read with Home Ministry's letter
_ No. 87/5/47-Pub (B) dated 21.8.49. It would appear therefrom
that xx in aforeign country, our National Flag should be flown
side by side with the flag of that country with the permission
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As regards (ii) please see Home Ministry's Press
Communique No. 41/5/48-Public dated 16.6.48 from which it will
be seen that the National Flag should not be brought into
disrepute by unregulated use. The attention of our Commissioner
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may be invited to this.
As regards (iii) the naming of private residence,
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Please see para 1(c) of the rules prescribed for the
display of National Flag of India. Under these orders the National
Flag should be flown on the residence of Indian Representatives in
foreign countries. The practice in diplomatic circles seems to be
for the National Flag to fly on the residences of the Heads of
Missions and also on their offices where the latter are separate
from the former. According to this we may, therefore, suggest
that the existing sub-clause (c) may be amended to read as
" Heads of Indian Missions in foreign countries and
States should fly the Flag on their residences and
also on their offices where the latter are separate
from the former. "
(Sd/- C.M. Sharma)
18.10.49.
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follows :-
I agree. It is desirable to make provision for
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office building of our Missions abroad.
Sd/- P.N. Krishnaswamy.
23.10.49.
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Please see this Ministry's circular endorsement 2.
No.D.6489-GIT/49 dated 19th November' 49 . forwarding
xxxxxxxxxx copies of the Home Ministry letter No. F. 41/18/49-
Public, dated the 9th November' 49, which inter alia lays down
that "Heads of Indian Missions in foreign countries and
States should fly the Flag on their residences and also on
their offices where the latter are separate from the former".
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it would appear that they have also given xxxxx instructions
to their posts abroad to fly the Canadian Red Ensign at
both the Chancery and the official residence.
From the F. R. it appears that the local practice
in Canada is not to fly the foreign flags on the residences
of the foreign Representatives except on special occasions.

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I agree that there is no question of taking retaliatory
action. I recall that in a similar case the Government
of Pakistan did not permit Indian nationals to fly the
Indian flag outside the Embassy etc. premises. If
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Sd/- Prem Krishen.
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was linked with Pak. Br. papers dealing with a question in
the Parliament, this could not be put up earlier.
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No Rules er regulations are available in this Ministry governing the use of foreign flags in India by foreigners. The Constitution under which free India will be governed is being drafted. It is possible that some indications may become available from it to gruix frame rules andxregulating the practice by foreigners of their national flags in India. We attempted to secure guidance in this connection from our Ambassadors in China and U.S.A. but have not borne fruit. In our efforts for relevant material only one file (No.F. 562 -N/1931) is available which contains material on question of flying national flags by foreign Diplomatice and Consular representatives, individuals and concerns in Persia" it is not known how far regulations currenct in Persia can be acceptable .

Please see the sub-paclosure 2 to S. No. (5) in this file . The gist of the regulations as given there is :-

(A). Foreign Legations, Consulates, etc., may hoist their flags on verticle flag staffs over their buildings, but not from masts planted in the ground on the occasion of their own and Persian Official festivals and on other holidays.

(B). Foreign nationals and institutions may on their official national holidays hoist their national flags on the front of their buildings only from morning until sunset provided the local poliçe authorities have no objection.

(C). The hoisting of foreign flags on flagstaffs planted in the ground is strictly prohibited.

It will be seen from the above that in Persia it is not generally, - open to our nationals to fly the Indian flag on their premies.Moreover it would appear from para 435 of Oppenheims International Law Vol.I that the right of hoisting the national flag in a foreign country is one of the Consular privileges only which implies that no one posseses any right to hoist his national flag in any other country but his own.

2. The present reference arose out of the hoisting by certain individuals of the Pakistan flag in Madras and Bihar, whose Governments have appreached the Home Ministry for clarification of cuxxurkxixx correct international diplomatice practice in this regard and instructions, if any, to regulate the practice. Evidently it wil under some such a diplomatice practice as indicated above that the hoisting of the Pakistan flag by persons living in India will have to be reglated. Clearly no person living in India can fly the Pakistan or any other foreign flag till the question of his nationality has been decided under the Indian constitutions . There at the practice of flying of foreign flags in India will evidently be regulated by the rules framed in this connection by the Govt.

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List of Indian Missions Abroad.

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2. Embassy of India in U. S. S. R. , Moscow.
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Embassy India in France, Paris.
4. Embassy of India in China, Nanking.
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Embassy
of India in Belgium, Brussels.
6. Embassy of India in Egypt, Cairo.
7. Embassy of India in Iran, Tehran.
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Representative with the Supreme Commander of the Allied
Powers in Japan, Tokyo.^
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Embassy of India in Nepal, Kathmandu.
Embassy of India in Afghanistan, Kabul.
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11. Indian Delegation office, (office of the representative of India
to the United Nations Organisation), New York :-
12. Indian Military Mission, Berlin.
13. Legation of India in Switzerland, Berne.
14. Legation of India in Siam, Bangkok.
15.
Consulate General, of India in the French Establishments in
India, Pondicherry.
16. The Consulate General of India in the Portuguese Possessions
in India, Goa,
17. Consulate Coneral of India in Indonesia, Batavia.
18. Consulate Coneral of India in Shanghai.
19. His Majesty's Consul General, Kashgar.
20. Office of the Political Officer, Sikkim.
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Indian Consulate in Indo-China, Saigon.
22. The High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom, London.

23. The High Commissioner for India in Canada,
Ottawa.
24. The High Commissioner for India in Australia', Canberra.
25, The High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, Karachi.
26. The Deputy Nigh Commissioner for India in Pakistan, Karachi.
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The Deputy High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, Lahore.
28. The High Commissioner for India in Ceylon, Colombo.
29. The Agent of the Government of India in Ceylon, Kandy.
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From
H.V.R. Iengar, Esquire I.C.S. ,
Secretary to the Government of India.
To
All Provincial Governments/Chief Commissioners.
New Delhi 3, the 22nd January 1949.
Subject: - Use of the National Flag.
S.NO. (1) in
F.NO.45-70/48-6
Sir,
I am directed to invite a reference to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs letter No.41/5/48-Public, dated the 14th June 1948, on the subject noted above, and to say that it has been further decided that :-
1. Ministers of State of the Central Government should be entitled to display the
National Flag on their residence and on their motor car
2. Speakers of Assemblies, both at the centre and in the provinces, and Presidents of Upper Chambers, where these exist, should be entitled to display the Flag on their residences and also on their cars ;
3. Deputy Ministers of the Central Government should be entitled to fly the Flag on their motor cars but not on their residences ;
4. Commissioners of Divisions, Deputy Commissioners and Collectors

of districts be entitled to display the Flag on their residences ;
5. Ministers, as well as Presidents or Speakers of Legislative Chambers of States and Unions of States should be entitled to display the Flag on their residences and on their motor cars.
Yours faithfully,
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(H. V. R. Iengar)
Secretary to the Government of India.
No.41/5/48-Rublic New Delhi 3, the
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From
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Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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The Registrar,
Federal Court
New Delhi.
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New Delhi 3, the April, 1949.
Subject: - Flag to be flown by the Chief Justice
of India on his motor oar.
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I am directed to say that the Government of India have decided that the Chief Justice of India who was in the past flying a flag bearing the letters "CJI" on his motor car may continue to fly the same in order to give him facilities and precedence in traffic.
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Yours faithfully,
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(A. V. Raman)
Under Secretary to the Government of India.
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1. Military Secretary to Governor General.
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2. Private . Secretary to Governor General.
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11. Finance (Defence Division).
12. Director, Intelligence Bureau.
13. Inspector General, Special Police Establishment,
14. Prime Minister's Secretariat.
15. Partition Secretariat
16. Federal Public Service Commission.
17. Constituent Assmebly of India.
18. Legislative Assembly Department.
19. Federal Court.
20. Director General, Resettlement & Employment (Ministry of Labour)
21. Principal, Indian Administrative Service Training School.
22. Director, Secretariat Training School.
23. Commandant, Central Police Training College, Abu.
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H. V. R. Iengar, I.C. S. ,
Secretary to the Government of India,
All Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners.
NEW DELHI-3, the 19th May, 1949.
Subject : - Use of the National Flag.
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Sir,
I am directed to refer to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs letter No. 41/5/48-Public, dated the 22nd January 1949, on the subject noted above, The orders did not make it clear that the President of the Constituent Assembly is also entitled to display the National Flag on his residence and on his motor car. This was an inadvertent omission. I am to request that the following addition may be inserted as sub-para LA
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of the letter referred to, namely --
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"The President of the Constituent Assembly is
entitled to display the National Flag on his
residence and on his motor car".
Yours faithfully ,
Secretary to the Government of India.
No:41/11/48-Public. New Delhi-3,the 19th May, 1949.
Copy forwarded for information to all Ministries
of the Government of India, including the Constituent
Assembly, the Legislative Assembly and the Prime
Minister's Secretariat
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By order,
AV Raman
(A. V. RAMAN)
Under Secretary to the Government of India.
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PRESS COMMUNIQUE No. 12 dated 6th July '49.
The National Flag of India is the emblem of the Nation and it is essential that it should not be brought into disreputo by unregulated use.
The Government have noticed ' the indiscriminate use of the omblom of the Flag in advor-tisomonts, lotter papers etc., and would romind the public that such use is not in keeping with the dignity of the National Flag and is therefore prohibited. Attention of the public is in this connection drawn to the provisions in Section 69 of the Trade Marks Act: 1940 which prohibit the unauthorised use of the omblom of the National Flag in any trade, business, calling or profession.
Issued by the Director of Information xx and Publicity in charge.
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No.24423. From BAJPAI for KRISHNA MENON.
Your telegram No. 96, dated August 11th. I have
spoken to Primo Minister. His view is that, since
Pakistan Independence Day is celebrated' on 14th
(repeat 14th) August, Pakistan crew on JALA USHA should
be given opportunity that day to salute their own
flag which may be raised on a convenient spot on
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Dear Department,
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, U.S. S.R. , have,
at a personal interview, inquired about the days when the
national flag is flown over the Embassy building.
2.
During the past year we have flown the flag on
the following National and Commonwealth occasions : -
1. Independence Day, August 15.
2. Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary, January 30,
(half mast).
3.
King's Birthday, June 9.
3. In accordance with local diplomatic custom, the
flag has also been flown on the following occasions
connected with the USSR :-
1.
May Day , May 1.
2.
October Revolution, Nov: 7.
3. Lenin's death, January 21, (half mast) .
4. Would you kindly inform us if the list of
occasions connected with National and Commonwealth events
on which the flag should be flown, is correct and complete?
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Yours ever ,
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The Foreign Secretary to the Government of India
in the Ministry of External Affairs, acknowledges the
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Please refer to your letter No. D.3964-GII/49,
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FATEH SINGH, Esquire. ,.
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To
All Provincial Governments. and Chief Commissioners

NEW DELHI-3, the
29 th
August, 1949.

SUBJECT : - Use of the National Flag of India and National Anthem.

INDIA

Sir,
I am directed to say that orders regarding the display of the National Flag of India have been issued from time to time. These rules have now been put together for convenience and are contained in the annexure to this letter.
2.
I am to request that necessary steps may be taken to ensure compliance with these rules and that steps may also be taken to give them publicity for the guidance of the public.
3.
It has also been brought to the notice of the Government of India that there is no uniformity of practice in regard to the National Anthem. It is suggested that pending a final decision by the Constituent Assembly in this matter the instructions contained in this Ministry's letter No. F. 51/255/43-Public, dit d the 27th May 1948 (a copy of which is enclosed for ready referance) may be complied with and that "Jana Gana Nana" alone should be " cognised as the National Anthem of India.
Yours faithfully,
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(FATEH SINGH)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.
No. 41/11/49-Public.
Dated New Delhi-3, the 29thAug '49.
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Copy with a copy of the Rules forwarded

to all Ministries (except Defence and External Affairs) for information.
Copy with a copy of the Rules forwarded to the Ministry of Defence with the request that necessary instructions may kindly be communicated to all the Defence Services, if this has not already been done.
Copy with a copy of the Rules forwarded to the Ministry of External Affairs for communication to all Embassies ..

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Embassies and Legations. External Affairs may consider whether in view of the recent incident at Karachi, instructions should not also be issued about the use of the National Flag by Indians residing in foreign countries. A copy of such instructions may be endorsed to us.
By order,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.
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From
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Government of India,
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.
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E. C. Gaynor, Esquire., M.B. E. ,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
To
All Provincial Governments/Chief Commissioners.
New Delhi, the 27th May 1948.
Subject :- National

Sir,
I am directed to state that the question of having
a formal National Anthem for India has been engaging the
attention of the Government of India. Whilst it was folt
that the final decision in the matter should appropriately
be taken by the Constituent Assembly its lf, it was novorthe-
less considered that interim arrangements should be made for
the playing of an inthem till suchttime as a decision is
taken. The Government of India have therefore approved the
growing practice to play "Jana Gana Mana" on all occasions
when a National Anthem is required. I am to enclose a copy
of instructions connected with the playing of the Anthem
which may, (if the Provincial Governments soo no objection) ,
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be given effect to immediately.
I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd/- E. C. Gaynor,
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Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.
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No. F.51/255/48-Public. Dated, the 27th May 1948.
Copy, with a copy of the instructions forwarded to
all Ministries (except Defence and External Affairs &
Commonwealth Relations) for information.
Copy, with a copy of the instructions forwarded
to the Ministry of Defence with a request that instructions

may kindly be communicated immediately to all the Defence Services.

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Copy, with a copy of the instructions forwarded to the Ministry of External Affairs & Commonwealth Relations for communication immediately to all Embassies and Legations.

By order ,

Sd/- E. C. Gaynor.

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT.

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The question of having a formal National Anthem has assumed a certain urgency. It is not desirable to have a varicty in this matter. Our forsign embassies specially requested instructions. In foreign countries an Anthem is played on many occasions and we have been asked by the authorities in these foreign countries as to what our Anthem is.

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The Government of India considered this matter. They feel that any final decision should be taken by the Constituent Assembly itself. But some int rim arrange-ments have to be made for the playing of an inthem even before a final decision is taken. For this purpose they approved of the growing practice to play Jana Gana Mana on all occasions when a National Anthem is required. Provincial Governments, Embassies and Logations, and the three defence services are therefore requested to noto this provisional direction and to give offoct to it.

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The National Anthem must not be played for more than about 45 seconds or one minute. It should be standardised. It should only be played on special occasions and not made to appear too cheap. When it is played respect should be shown to it by standing without moving about.
All India Radio have several versions of Jana Gana Mana supplied by various bands and orchestras. While they ropresent the same tune they vary slightly. This will be standardised soon. Meanwhile a famous Orchestra has been asked to produce a suitable version for orchestral rendering as well as string band and military band.
As has been suggested above, the Anthem should not be played except on special occasions. It is undesirable for cinema houses or theatres to play it after each performance and this should be defintely discouraged. It should be suggested to cinema houses that at the end of the performance the National Flag should be shown on the screen and the Anthem should not be played, Except on special days and on special occasions.
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RULES REGULATING THE DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL FLAG OF INDIA.

The Flag is the emblem of the Nation. It is essential that it should not be brought into disrepute by unregulated use.

The following rules have therefore been prescribed for the display of the National Flag in India :-

1. Display of the Flag on Buildings.

(a) Normally the Flag should be flown only on important Government buildings such as High Court, Secretariats, Commissionersª Offices, Collectorates, Jails and Offices of the

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District Boards and Municipalities. It should also be flown on the residences of the Ministers (both Contral and Provincial), President of the Constituent Assembly of India, Ministers of State of the Central Government, Chief Commissioners Speakers of Assemblies (both at the Centre and in the Provinces), Presidents of Uppor Chambers (where these exist), Commissioners of Divisions, Deputy Commissioners and Collectors of Districts and Ministers as well as Presidents or Speakers of Legislative Chambers, of States and Unions of States.

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(b) The Governor-General and Governors have

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special Flags of their own and they will continue to fly those flags on their residences.

(c) India's representatives in foreign countries and States should fly the flag on their residences.

(d) In frontier areas, the flag may be flown at special places.

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(g) On special occasions like the Independence Day celebrations, National Week, January 26, and Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday, as well as on any other particular day of National Rejoicing, the use'of the flag will be unrestricted.
II. Display of the flag on cars.
The privil go for use of the flag on motors cars will be limited to -
(a) Ministers and Speakers, both Central and Provincial, Ministers of Stato and Deputy
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(e) Ruling Princes and Rajpramukhs may also use the Flag on their residences, together with their own State Flags, if they so desiro,
(f) The use of the flag by the Army, Navy and the Air Forces will be governed by the special rules made for the purpose.
Ministers of the Central Government, President of the Constituent Assembly of India, Presidents of Upper Chambers, where these exist, Chief Commissioners, Ministers, as well as Prosidents or Speakers of Legislative Chambers, of Status and Unions of States.
(b) India's representatives in foreign countries and States.
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(c) Ruling Princes and Raj Pramukhs who may

also use their own State Flags, if they so choose.
(d) The Governor-General and the Governors have their own special flags. They will continue to use them. The Provincial Governors, when outside their Provinces, should fly the National Flag of India.
III. The Flag should not be flown by persons other than those mentioned above except on particular occasions, mentioned
in I(g) of the rules.

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From
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI 3.
Dated thegy
September, 1949.
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C.M. SHARNA, ESQ.,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
To
ALL INDIAN MISSIONS AND POSTS ABROAD.
Sir,
I am directed to enclose an extract from a circular letter No. 87/5/47-Pub (B), dated the 21st August, 1948 from the Ministry of Home Affairs, in regard to the flying of foreign flags in India. The question whether on occasions such as our Independence Day on August 15th, Indian nationals abroad, could appropriately fly the flag of

the Indian Union over their premises would arise; and you may be approached for advice in the matter.
The Government of India consider
that before tendering any advice you should consult the appropriate authorities in the Government to which you are accredited to ascertain whether the flying of our flag on the occasions referred to would accord with the practice followed by nationals of other states on similar occasions, and also whether they would appreciate the flying
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Yours faithfully,
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Extract from letter No. 87/5/47 -Pub (B), dated the 21st August, 1949 from the Ministry of Home Affairs to All Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners.
2. The international practice is that the flag of
a foreign country may be flown by the diplomatic and
the consular representatives of that country, subject
to any regulations made by the receiving Government in

that behalf. "part from this, international law does not recognise the right of any one to fly the flag of a foreign State. As a matter of courtesy, however, most Governments do not object to the flying by foreigners of their own flag on the days of their national festivals, but the foreign nationals normally reciprocate this courtesy by flyingside by side both their own flag and the national flag of the country in which they reside.
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62, Avenue Franklin Roosevelt,
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Sir,
I am directed to refer to your letter No.D.
4802-GII/49 dated the 14th September, 1949.

2. In Belgium flags are flown widely by everybody on the slightest provocation and it is not unusual on the day of a fair or on the occasion of one of the numerous village and parochial feasts for private houses to be decked with flags of many nations in profusion. No restrictions on foreigners flying flags of their own countries as and when they please seem to exist. In the general mass of flags, no notice is taken whether foreign firms or individuals do or do not fly the Belgian flags alongside their own. This might, of course, change if relations between the country concerned and Belgium was singularly bad.

3. The law on the subject is very fragmentary and merely lays down that any individual may fly the flag of his own country either alone or with other emblems as and when he pleases, provided it does not interfere with traffic and does not occasion a breach of peace.

Yours faithfully,
NATIONA
(G.J. Malik)
Second Secretary
Assistant Secretary,
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.
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OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR INDIA IN CEYLON,

P. O. Box 882, COLOMBO.
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No. 17-9/48.
11th October, 1949.
The Assistant Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi 3.
Sir,
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I am directed to refer to your secret letter No.
D.4802-GII/49 dated the 14th September 1949 and to say that
in so far as Ceylon is concerned, H.E. the High Commissioner
feels that this is not the opportune moment to raise this
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question at a stage when Ceylon has not yet come to a decision
regarding her own national flag In Ceylon, on important
Occasions, the Sinhala Lion Flag is flown side by side with the
Union Jack, which is still the official flag.
There does not
appear to be any restrictions imposed on the flying of foreign
flags, particularly those of India and Pakistan. It is probable
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that the Ceylon Government may lay down their regulations
regarding the flying of foreign flags by their respective
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circumstances it is felt that this matter may be taken up again
future date.
Yours faithfully,
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31, GRANGE ROAD,
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My dear Sharma,
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Please refer to your letter No.D.4802-GII/49, dated the 14th September, 1949 regarding the flying of Indian Union Flag in foreign countries. The Indians in these areas have been using the Indian Flag on important days like Gandhiji's Birthday, Indian Independence Day, etc. and the local Governments have not so far raised any objection. We, therefore, thought it better not to make any enquiries in this matter but to allow the present position to continue.
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But in connection with a recent controversy amongst some Chinese as to the flag to be flown on the 10th October (whether the Nationalist Government Flag or the new Flag adopted by General Mao Tze-tung's Government) the local Governments had an occasion to make a statement of their policy with regard to the flying of foreign flags in Singapore and Malaya. I enclose cuttings from the local papers containing the policy of the Federal as well as pays

3- The Singapore Government.
Slip E (Remover)
A sample of the new Flag of General Mao Tze-tung's Government which was flown on some institutions and shops in Singapore is also sent herewith for your information. You may like to
probably/ use it for the information of the Home Ministry officials.
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Yours
sincerely ,
(S.THAN)
Shri C.M. Sharma,
Assistant
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Hokkien Huay Kuan, community guild of Singapore Hokkiens, has decided not to fly the Chinese national flag on October 10, foundation day of the Republic of China.
The question of flying the Chinese People's Govern-

ment flag is meanwhile being considered by leaders of the Hokkien community.

It is believed that a decision to fly the Chinese People's Government flag will be taken only if this regime is recognised by the British Government.

Other community associations are also considering what flag to fly should the People's Government be recognised.

The Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce, however stated yesterday that it would go ahead with original plans to celebrate the Double Tenth, and it would hoist the Chinese national flag.

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The Singapore free Press

FRIDAY, Oct. 7, 1949.

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CHINESE Communist flags - red with one large and four small yellow stars - are on sale in Singapore, and are finding ready buyers. But will the buyers be

allowed to fly them, as they obviously intend to do ?
The question is more than academic because many Chinese here have already made it clear they want to fly what they regard as the flag of their country and that they want to swear allegiance to the Mao Tse-tung government. All that holds them back is the fear that the Government would take action against them if they did.
So far both the Singapore and the Federation Governments have refrained from making any pronouncement about the legality of flying the new Chinese People's Government flag, no doubt because of the diplomatic and political implications involved in making the decision.
The Nationalist Government is still recoge nised as the de fure government of China although everybody by now knows that Mao Tse-tung and his Moscow-trained henchmen are the de facto government. There are

some Chinese in the Malay-
an territories who are only
waiting for a sign, before
they openly and willingly
swear allegiance to the new
government. They are
people who are buying the
red flags with their yellow
stars. They hope they will
be able to fly them on the
Double Tenth, the day on
which Mao Tse-tung hopes
to set the seal on his
sweep through China by
capturing Canton.
But a decision will have to
be made. The business of
what flag to fly cannot be
allowed to slide along as
it is now,
with people
flying the Chinese Nation-
alist flag outside their
homes and offices and
keeping handy a red and
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cognised by Britain and
her fellow-members in the
Commonwealth, then let
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Let them say: "As far as we are concerned, the Nationalist flag is the flag of China and we will not allow any other flag purporting to be the flag of China to be flown. If it is decided to recognise the government proclaimed in Peiping as the government of China, then we will allow the flag it chooses to be flown at appropriate times and in the proper places." Or it may decide that the only people allowed to fly a foreign flag in Singapore shall be the properly accredited diplomatic representatives of that country and that anybody contravening the permission shall be proceeded against in a court of law. Or it may decide that if a foreign flag is shown it must be flown only alongside the Union Jack or flag of Singapore. It really does not matter what is decided so long as a decision is made known, widely and publicly, so that this time of indecision may be ended once and for all.

Already Malaya suffers from
a surfeit of foreign flags,
flown on every suitable or
unsuitable occasion, on
house, shop,
office and
school. If advantage is
taken of this opportunity
to put a stop to indiscri-
flag-flying
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chances of making a Ma-
layan nation will be vastly
improved, for nobody,
particularly no impression-
able child, can ever forget
his country of origin so
long as he is being con-
stantly reminded by the
flag that it is an object
of allegiance to others like
himself
With Malaya already plagued
as it is with the Tiga Bin-
tang, there should be little
likelihood of a Lima Bin-
tang ever being allowed to
fly wherever a Communist
sympathiser lives. But the
failure of the Govern-
ments to make a decision
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as soon as it became evi-
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were wanting to fly it
leaves an unfortunate im-
pression that permission to
fly is being seriously con-
sidered. If the Lima Bin-
tang must fly, let its flying
be as restricted as possible.
If not, say so now.

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NEW FLAG CAN BE
FLOWN IN FED.
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Free Press Staff Reporter
KUALA LUMPUR, Friday.
THERE is no ban on the flying of the red flag of the new Communist People's Government in China and householders and shopkeepers in the Federation may fly what flag they please, a police spokesman told the Free Press this morning.
None of the new flags are yet on sale in Chinese shops in Kuala Lumpur, however. A Free Press reporter who visited flag-makers' shops this morning found some Chinese Nationalist Government flags being displayed, but none of the new flags.
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Flag - makers, meanwhile, would not make any comment, but they are expected to make and display the new flags once the demand for them arises.
The Federation Police

Headquarters announced this morning that no public meetings, demonstrations or processions will be allowed in the Federation on the occasion of the Double Tenth anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Republic, which falls on Monday.
There is no objection, however, to private parties being held in Consulate, club, association or chamber of commerce premises, the police headquarters stated.
The Federation is taking action similar to that announced by the Singapore Police yesterday.
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Free Press Staff Reporter
NO clear-cut decision has been announced by the Singapore Government about the flying and selling of the Chinese Communist flag in the Colony.
The flag made its first appearance on the streets and in shops yesterday.
On Tuesday the Free Press handed to the Colo-

nial Secretary three questions on this subject of flying foreign flags. This morning we received the following statement, the gist of which appears to be that the Communist flag ought not be flown.

"General rules, partly of courtesy, in the matter of flag flying which are accepted as proper in this Colony are as follows: -

"The accredited representative of a member country of the Commonwealth or of a recognised foreign sovereign State flies the Flag of his country from his official residence, office and on his car:

"A private citizen, subject of a member country of the Commonwealth or of a recognised Foreign Sovereign State flies on his country's recognised National Day the Flag of his country from his home and office. It would, however, be recognised as an act of courtesy to His Majesty's Government for the Union Jack to be flown along with the National Flag in such cases

"Otherwise only the Union Jack should be flown on land. It is emphasised that the flag which a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies who has acquired

that status in the Colony
is expected to fly, is the
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nesday's Free Press raised
the question of whether nor
not the new Chinese Com-
munist flag could be flown
in Singapore.
"There are special rules
which relate to the Services
and to senior officials of the
Government of the Colony.
"Rules of Courtesy have at
all times to be subordinated
to requirements of security
and the Government of the
Colony would, if the circum-
stances warranted it (and
after a suitable approach had

been made in the case of representatives referred to at (a) above), exercise its right to ban the flying of any particular flag.

"Even if such a ban had not been imposed the Government would still take steps if the display of any flag had led or was likely to lead to a breach of the peace.

"The holding of Mass Rallies for any purpose whatsoever would be `undesirable during the present Emergency even if the Rally was not likely to lead to any breach of the peace.

"Although Singapore is orderly such Rallies provide too obvious an opportunity for acts of violence to be committed by trouble makers."

More than 60 Chinese associations and public budies have decided to join the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce in .celebrating the Double Tenth.

Under existing plans the old Chinese National flag and both Mr. Yong Yit Lin, the president,

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Chinese Consul-General will address the gathering.
It is expected that associations, like the Hokkien Huay Kuan, which have decided not to fly the Nationalist flag wul hold separate meetings.
The Chinese Consulate - General will be closed for the day on Monday.
Three hundred Chinese schools will also close.

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THE Double Tenth, anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, will dawn tomorrow with the rival heirs of the "Father of Modern China" locked in a great battle which may decide the fate of China for generations to come. And that fate, since the resurgence of Nationalist power is but a faint hope, will almost certainly be the harnessing of the Chinese peo-

ple to the Communist yoke. For China, that is a tragic fact whose historical causes no longer really matter.

For the rest of Asia it is a dangerous fact that must be guarded against. The menace lies not only in the possible foreign ambitions of a Communist China in the pattern of expanding Soviet domination, but in the effects which Communist victory in the fatherland may have on large populations of Chinese in China's neighbour territories in South-East Asia. The world has seen only too often in the past two decades how totalitarian regimes can, by tortuous methods, intimidate and organise their subjects in foreign lands as a menace to the state in which they live.

What could this mean for Malaya ? The Federation Government already has on its hands a costly struggle against alien Communist terrorism; soon it may have a much bigger legion of the weak and the frightened willing to work for foreign masters. Singapore, with Its huge population of foreign-

born Chinese, is in like case, and the danger to Internal security is too obvious to be laboured.

Britain and the Commonwealth nations have not yet recognised the newly-formed Communist government of China, though they almost certainly will as soon as they have received the assurances they require.

But for the present-as far as Malaya is concerned-the legal, sovereign government of China is that of President Li Tsung-jen.

And the Governments of Malaya should act in accordance with this fact. So far, however, their actions have been characterised by uncertainty and indecision.

There are no sudden, unexpected factors in the present situation; it has been developing for months.

Communist victory in China is virtually complete, and as the Double Tenth approaches certain sections of the Chinese population of Malaya have been flying, or have indicated their intention to fly, the flag of the unrecognised Com-

munist regime. That is a defiance of international custom which should be prohibited. The government at Canton is a friendly power with which Britain maintains diplomatic relations. Any failure to recognise that in Malaya is an invitation to anarchy.
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Police
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Sunday Times Staff Reporter
SINGAPORE police will stand by at full strength tomorrow, the Double Tenth, anniversary of the foundation of the Republic of China. The acting Commissioner of Police, Mr. E. V. Fowler, told the Sunday Times last night: "If there is any trouble, police will be ready for it." He declined to detail police precautions.
The General Officer Commanding, Singapore, Major-Gen. D. Dunlop, stated: "The police are responsible for the Colony's security. The Army, however, is ready at all times to come to the assistance of the police in the event of an emergency."
It now seems that rival ce-

lebrations of the Double
Tenth will be held in Singa-
pore-one group, led by the
Chinese Chamber of
merce, under the Nationa-
list flag; the other, led by the
Mayfair Dramatic and Musi-
cal Association, under the
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Schools Join In
For the first time yesterday,
several Singapore Chinese schools
flew the Chinese Communist flag,
while controversy was raging as to
whether this flag could be flown.
Since a Government statement
issued yesterday morning failed to
make a clear-cut decision in the
matter, and police also did not take
any action against already-hoisted
flags, many Chinese are taking it
to mean that the Government will
allow the flag to be flown.
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"Otherwise only the Union Jack should be flown on land."
As a result there were other public bodies and firms flying the Chinese flag yesterday, beside the Mayfair Dramatic and Musical Association, which was the first to do so.
Brisk sales of the Chinese Communist flag reported by tailors and other establishments also indicated that many Chinese individuals, firms. associations and public bodies were preparing to hoist the flag on the Double Tenth.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
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THE 2nd November 1949.
Dear Ministry,
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This is to acknowledge receipt of your
letter No.D.4802-GII/49 dated the 14th September,
1949, on the subject of flying of flags.
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Yours ever,
Embassy of India.
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The Min.of External Affairs,
Govt.of India, New Delhi.

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November 3rd, 1949.
Dear Sir,
I am directed to forward for your information and
guidance the attached note containing the Government of India's
instructions regarding the use of the National Anthem of India

and the Indian National Flag.
2. The position regarding the use of the National Flag by Indian nationals resident in Japan, is the same as that applicable in the case of the public in India viz., unrestricted use of the National Flag is allowed only on special occasions like the Independence Day, National Week, January 26th and Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday as well as any special days of national rejoicing. No special permission from the SCAP or the Japanese Government for the use of the Indian National Flag on these occasions is necessary.
It should, however, be noted that permission should be obtained from the appropriate local Occupation Authorities when such displays are connected with parades, demonstrations and public meetings, etc. but such permission would pertain to the parades, demonstrations, etc. rather than to the display of the flag.
Indian National Flag should not be flown in conjunction with the Japanese flag
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Yours faithfully,
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First Secretary,
Indian Liaison Mission.
To (i) The Secretary, Indian Association, Tokyo.
(ii) The Secretary, Indian Association, Osaka.
(iii) The Secretary, Indian Chamber of Commerce, Kobe.
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Copy forwarded to the Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of External Affairs, with reference to his letter No.D.4802-GII/49 dated 14th September 1949.
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Dear Ministry,
With reference to your Secret Circular
letter No.D.4802-GII/49 dated the 14th September, 1949,
I am directed to state that the extract of the circular letter
referred to in your letter has not been received along
with this letter.
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We feel that it is not necessary to
refer the matter to the Government of Burma on the
subject of flying of our national flags on occasions such
as our Independence Day on August 15th, as the Burma
Government has until now made no objections to the
flying of our national flags by the Indian nationals
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Ministry of External Affairs,
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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India,
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Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.
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Sir,
I have the honour to forward herewith
an extract from a letter dated the 16th
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October, 1948,
and a copy of a letter dated
the 20th September, 1949, from Mr.D.M. Anjaria
of Dar-es-Salaam, and to request you kindly to
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furnish this office with material for a reply.
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Yours faithfully,
Romathur
Commissioner.

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Extract from letter dated the 16th October, 1948, from
Mr.D.M. Anjaria, P.O. Box 34, DAR ES SALAAM, to Shrimant Apasaheb
Pant, Nairobi.
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FLYING THE FLAG. Immediately after the Independence Day
when I was in charge I had given instructions to all Hindu
Mandals that the National Flag was on no account to be flown
except on recognised National Days as laid down by the Government
of India. That on every such occasion the Union Jack

as the Flag of the Country should be shown courtesy by being flown at an equal height. I have found that this is irksome to many of our nationals and they have evaded it by pleading that they have no jack. So far we have managed to cover this up by telling the Government in advance that if it is not flown it is due to the shortage of flags and not due to any disrespect but how long can this last as the flags are now available. I do not know the position in Nairobi but here we have to take note of the Royal Navy which may happen to be here on some days and they are rather very particular about this. There is also a tendency to use the Flag and the miniatures as decorations at marriages and parties. This must have been noticed by you. I have found that old flags are not burnt as they should always be but used as rags to clean cars. It is essentials that official instructions ought to be issued from your office.
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Copy of Itter dated 20th Sept. 1949, from Mr.D.M. Anjaria, Rx0xxxxx84 Nairobi, to the Commissioner for the Government of India in British East Africa, Nairobi.
I refer to my letters where I had committed on the express need of clear cut instructions to our Nationals as to their flying the flag in this country.
As I understand the position Our Flag can be flown by itself on the Commissioner's Office, Residence & Car. In all other cases the flag of the country (in our case here "Union Jack') should also be flown side by side - courtesy flag to show that we do not fly our flag without

permission or as taking possession of this country in the name of our Flag. Very few people realize the implication of hoisting or flying a Sovereign Nation's Flag in the land of another Sovereign nation.
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It has been all along an uptill task to persuade our mationals to fly the Union Jack . They find excuses not to do so. So far it has been tolerated but on and after 26.1.1950 the position may become delicate and any British National wishing to create trouble may even hand down a Flag flying alone.
Thus due to ignorance some of our nationals might cause our Flag to be insulted and hence I would suggest that the Commissioner should cause explicit instructions to be given to our nationals in this matter and no individual or institution should) go counter to it.
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The use by Indian Nationals, of the flag as a mere decoration ought to end.
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In U.K. "Royal" "Imperial" such names are not allowed to be used in business. Can ve stop or persuade persons naming their houses "India House" etc. I think that name should be solely used for either the office or residence of the diplomatic representative. 4
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The Commissioner for the Govt. of India in
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Sir,
I am directed to refer to your letter No.
F. 4-4-/48-CEA, dated the 27th September'49,xxxxx
and to invite your attention to this Ministry's
circular letter No.D. 4802-GII/49, dated the 14th
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in which the principles in regard to the flying of
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There is no justification to use the flag
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Ministry of Home Affairs No. 41/5/48-Public dated
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The name of private residence, however, is
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a personal question and it is inappropriate for
Govt. to issue any instructions in the matter.
Yours faithfully,
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By Air Mail
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Government of India
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New Delhi, the ISW December 1949.
From: -
To
The Commissioner for the Government of India
in British, East Africa, Nairobi.
Sir,
C.M. Sharma, Esquire,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs.
In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even
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number dated, the 28th November 1949, I am directed to say that
although the question of naming of residences is a personal
matter, yet the Indian community should be adviseded not to
name their private houses etc. as "India House" which is a
clearly understood designation for the official. premises of
our representative in overseas countries.
Yours
faithfully,

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Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.
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FATEH SINGH, Esquire. ,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
All Provincial Governments and
Chief Commissioners.
NEW DELHI-3, the 9th
November, 1949.
Subject: RULES FOR THE DISPLAY OF NATIONAL FLAG
AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.
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Sir,
I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter

No. 41/11/49-Public, dated the 29th August 1949, and to say that following amendments may be made in the Rules regulating the display of the National Flag of India, namely: -

In rule 1, the existing sub-rule (b) may be re-numbered as sub-rule (b) (i) and the following new sub-rules may be added namely: -

(b) (ii) If the Governor-General or the Prime Minister while visiting a Province stays with the Governor in the Government House, the Governor-General's flag or the National flag of India (till such time as the Prime Minister has his own flag) as the case may be, should also be flown on the top of the main building or on the top of the wing, where the Governor-General or Prime Minister happens to reside, or in a conspicuous part of the forecourt or the main approach.

(b) (iii) If the Governor stays in a Circuit House within his Province and the Governor-General or the Prime Minister also stays in the same house as his guest, the same practiceas at (b) (ii) should be followe

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(b) (iv) If the Governor-General or the Prime Minister proceeds to a Provincial Town where the Governor is not present, the Governor-General's flag or the National flag of India, as the case may be, should be conspicuously displayed on a flagstaff or an improvised pole on the top of the house.

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(b) (v) If the Governor-General on the Prime Minister visits a State or a State Union the same procedure as indicated at (b) (ii) to (b) (iv) should be followed.

The existing sub-rule (s) may be amended to read as follows : -

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"(c) Heads of Indian Missions in foreign countries
and States should fly the Flag on their residences and
also on their offices where the latter are separate
from the former".
Yours faithfully,
(Fateh Singh)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
No. F.41/18/49-Public.
Dated New Delhi-3, the 9th_Novr, 1949.
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Copy to all Ministries of the Government of India
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endorsement No. 41/11/49-Public, dated 29th August , 1949.
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Private Secretary to the Governor-General
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communication to the States and Unions of States.
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18. The Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Afrida. Johannesburg.
19. The Second Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in Ceylon; Colombo.
20. The Second Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in Canada,

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26. The Second Secretary, Indian Military Mission in Germany, Berlin.
27. The First Secretary, India Delegation to the United Nations, New York.
28. The Secretary to the Representative of the Govt. of India in Malaya, Singapore.
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Dated December 13, 1949

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With reference to your endorsement
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No.D.6489-GII/49,
dated the 19th November, 1949
I have the honour to request that two copies of
the Ministry of Home Affairs letter No.41/18/49-
Public, dated the 9th November, 1949, regarding
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the Rules for the display of National Flag and
amendments thereto may kindly, be supplied to this
office urgently. The copy received with your
above endorsement is not complete, the second page
not having been sent.
2. As an additional copy of general circulars
is required for the Consular Agent of India at
Hanoi, this office may in future be supplied with
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Yours faithfully
(S.D.Pathak)
Vice-Consul
The Assistant Secretary to the
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

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Fateh Singh, Esqr.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government
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New Delhi,3,the 27th December, 1949.
Subject :- Rules for the display of the
National Flag - Amendments -
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I am directed to refer to the correspondence resting with this Ministry's letter of even number dated the. 9th November 1949, and to say that following further amendments may be made in the rules regulating the display of the National Flag, namely :-

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In sub-rule (a) of rule I
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"important Government and States buildings" may be
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(ii) after the words "Chief Commissioners" the words "Regional
Commissioners in the States and Unions of States, " may be
added ;
(iii) for the words "Commissioners of Divisions" and "Collectors
of Districts", the words "Commissioners of Divisions in
Provinces, States and Unions of States" and "Collectors

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of Districts in Provinces, States and Unions of States" respectively
may be substituted.
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In sub-rules (b) (ii) to (b) (v) of rule I,
for the words "the Prime Minister" wherever theyoccur, the
words "the Prime Minister or the Deputy Prime Minister" may
be substituted.
3. In sub-rule (a) of rule II, after the words "Chief
Commissioners", the words "Regional Commissioners in
the States and Unions of States" may be added.
No.F.41/18/49-Public.
New Delhi,3,the 27th December, 1949.
Yours faithfully,
(FATEH SINGH)
DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
Copy to all Ministries of the Government of India etc. including
Prime Minister's Secretariat, Military Secretary to the Governor General,

Private Secretary to the Governor General for information and necessary action with reference to this Ministry's endorsement of even number of the 9th November, 1949.
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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA IN AUSTRALIA
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CANBERRA, A.C.T.
22nd December, 1949.
The Secretary to the
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI,
India.
Subject :- Rules for the display of National Flag
and amendments thereto.
S OF INDIA
Sir,
S. No
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With reference to your letter No. D.6489-G11/49, dated 19th November, 1949, on the above subject, I am directed to say that as endorsement No. 4802-G11/49 dated 6th October, 1949, mentioned therein is not traceable in this office, a copy of it may kindly be sent to this office at an early date.
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Yours faithfully,
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for Official Secretary.

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The Secretary to
the Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi, India.

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Sir,
I am directed to refer to your letter No.
D. 4802-G.II/49 of 14th September, 1949 on the subject
of flying of Indian National Flag on certain occasions
by Indian nationals abroad, and to enclose copy of
the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Canada,
Note No. 128 of December 7, 1949 received in reply to
our communication to him.
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The copy of the Note No. 1 of January 8, 1948,
referred to in the Secretary of State's Note, was
forwarded to you with this office letter No. HCC/RI-4/47
dated the 12th January, 1948. Another copy is however
enclosed for your ready reference.
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On this subject Sardar H. S. Malik felt that the
local practice might be followed which is not to fly the
flag over the Residence except on special occasions. The
present High Commissioner concurs in this view but would
welcome the directions of the Government of India.
Yours faithfully,
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pk Banerjee
P. K. Banerjee,
Second Secretary.

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The Secretary of State for External
Affairs presents his compliments to the
High Commissioner for India and has the honour

to refer to the High Commissioner's Note No. 233/49 of November 2, 1949 stating that the Government of India has under consideration the question whether, on occasions such as India's Independence Day, Indian nationals abroad could appropriately fly the flag of the Indian Union over their premises, and that the High Commissioner desires to ascertain the practice in Canada in this matter.
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The Department of the Secretary of State to whom this question was referred states that in Canada the display of flags on land is not subject to civilian regulations and is governed entirely by the dictates of good taste and good judgment. The Department also states that international courtesy suggests that in Canada the Canadian flag be flown beside the flag of another nation on a private individual's premises, and that the two flags should be of equal size and flown at equal height.

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reference may be made to Note No. January 8, 1948 from the Secretary of State

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Ottawa, December 7, 1949

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs
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Commissioner's
Note of November 13, 1947, by which he
is informed that the Government of India contemplates
prescribing rules for the proper use of the Indian
national flag and is requested to advise as to the
Canadian regulations on the subject.
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The Department of the Secretary of State to
whom this query was referred state that the display of
flags on land in Canada is not the subject of civilian
regulations and is governed entirely by the dictates of
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There are, of course, directives issued on the
subject for use by the Departments of the Federal
Government such as those contained in Order in Council
P.C. 5888 of September 5, 1945, requiring the Canadian Red
Ensign to be flown on Canadian Government buildings both
at home and abroad. In this Order in Council there is a
statement to the effect that it would be appropriate to

fly the Canadian Red Ensign wherever the place or occasion may make it desirable to fly a distinctive Canadian flag until such time as Parliament adopts formally a national flag.
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The following are instructions given to Canadian posts in foreign countries. It is considered appropriate to hoist the Canadian Red Ensign at both the Chancery and the
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official residence from sunrise to sunset as follows:
At mast-head
On the day proclaimed for the official celebration in Canada of the King's Birthday (as notified annually by individual instruction).
On July 1st - Dominion Day.
On national and local holidays of the country in which Post is situated.
During the stay in port of one of H.M.C. ships.
As a courtesy on the national holidays of other countries represented in the same capital, if in accordance with local custom.
OF INDIA
At half-mast
(a) When official Canadian mourning requires it, in accordance with the instructions on official mourning.
(b) On the death of funeral of a local dignitary or of dignitaries or repre-

sentatives of other countries repre-
sented at the capital, as signified
by the foreign Chief of Protocol or
Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.
It is hoped this information will be a
satisfactory answer to the query from the Indian
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Ottawa, January 8, 1948.

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Office of the High Commissioner for India
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in Canada, Ottawa.
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Sir,
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With reference to your letter No. 233/49,
Indian National Flag on Residence, I am directed
to invite
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dated the 5th January 50 regarding the flying of
attention to this Ministry's
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circular endorsement No.D.6489-GIT/49, dated 19th
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letter No. F. 41/18/49-Public, dated 9th November' 49
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which inter alia lays down that "Heads of Indian
Missions in foreign countries and States should
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fly the Flag on their residences and also on
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their offices where the latter are separate from
the former". It is also cleor from the Canadian
Govt. note No. 1 of Jan. 8'48, copy forwarded with
your letter under reply that they have also given
instructions to their posts in foreign countries
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INDIAN EMBASSY,
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January 13, 1950.
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The Under Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.
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Sir,
I am to inform you that, on 5th January 1950 ,we called a meeting of some representative Indian nationals of Katmandu in connection with the celebration of the inauguration of the Republic of India on 26th January.
2. During the course of the discussion, some Indians enquired whether there would be any objection to their hoisting the National Flag of India on 26th January outside the Embassy area. RADIA
3.
We referred the question to the Government of Nepal through the Nepalese Officer attached to this Embassy. He has now informed us that Indian nationals residing in Katmandu can hoist the National flag of India at one place only i.e. Jamal - a small colony of Indian professors and at no other place.
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4.
In view of this attitude of the Government of Nepal, I am to suggest, for the consideration of the Government of India, that the Nepalese nationals in India should not be allowed to hoist their National flag on the days of their National festivals in India since the Nepalese Government is unwilling to show this courtesy to us. In this connection, a reference is invited to para 2 of the Ministry of Home Affairs letter No. 87/5/47-Pub(B) dated 21-8-1949 enclosed with Mr. C.M.Sharma's letter No. D.4802-GII/49 dated 14th September, 1949

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If the Government of India agree with the above
suggestion, and if they have no objection, their decision
may be communicated to the Nepalese Ambassador in New Delhi.
Yours faithfully,
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(S. Gupta)
FIRST SECRETARY.

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No.G/6-13/49.
EMBASSY OF INDIA,
Via Lovanio, 24,
Rome.
Dear Ministry,
S. NO.
Please refer to your letter No. D. 4802-GII/49,
dated the 14th September, 1949 in regard to the Flying of
Foreign Flags in India.
We have made enquiries from the Italian Ministry
of Foreign Affairs and they have informed us that according
to the Italian Law, all Foreign Nationals, other than those
enjoying diplomatic immunity, must fly both the flags (i.e.

their National Flag and the Italian National Flag) together
Yours ever,
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To
Ministry of External Affairs,
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OFFICE OF THE
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FOR INDIA IN PAKISTAN
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No. 8-25-IHC/48/VIII./4" Dated the
25th
To
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.
Subject :- Flying of the Indian National Flag.

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I have the honour to forward for information a copy
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of this office Note No. 8. 25-THO/48_VIII dated 7th January,
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1950 and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth
Relations (Government of Pakistan) reply No. D. 506-10/50 dated
the 23rd January,
regarding the flying of the Indian
National Flag by the Indian Nationals in General in Pakistan.
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The Notification referred to in the Ministry's Note
. ply sheets published in the Government of Pakistan, No. 24 of 17th
June, 1949 - Part I - Section I(Page 291) .
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Yours faithfully,
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(J. C. KAKAR)
Secretary to the High Commissioner
for India in Pakistan, Karachi.
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Copy of note No.S.25. IHC/48. VIII, dated the 7th January ,
from the High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, Karachi, to
Secretary to the Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Foreign A
and Commonwealth Relations, Karachi.
The Indian High Commission present compliments to the
Government
of Pakistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
Commonwealth
Relations, Karachi, and have the honour to engu
whether the flying of the Indian National flag by the Indian
Nationals in General in Pakistan over their premises, on the
occasions of National rejoicing such as the Inauguration of ti
Republic of India on January 26th, 1950, would accord with the
practice followed by Nationals of other States of similar
occasions and whether the Government of Pakistan would appreciat
the flying of their own Flag alongside the Indian flag on such
occasions.
The Commission take this opportunity to renew to the
Government of Pakistan the assurance of their highest considera
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Copy of letter No. D. 506-Ic/50, dated the 23rd
January, 1950, from the Government of Pakistan, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, Karachi, to the
Indian High Commission in Pakistan, Karachi.
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth
Relations present their compliments to the Indian High Commiss
and with reference to their note No.S.25. IHC/48-VIII dated the
7th January, 1950, have the honour to say that the Government
Pakistan have are not fully aware what the practice followed
by nationals of other states on similar occassion is. However
this matter is governed not by practice but by rule; and in th
connection they would invite attention to Notification No.
34/30/40-Public dated 8th of June, 1949, of the Government of
Pakistan In the Ministry of Interior (Home Division) which mak
it clear that the wishes of the Government of Pakistan are tha
foreign flags should be Hoisted only in diplomatic Premises,
or on the cars of the diplomatic officers.
2.
In the circumstances, they trust that the high Comm
ssion will appreciate that it would not be appropriate for
Indian nationals other than diplomatic officers to hoist the
Indian Natuonal flag on the occasions mentioned. The question
of the flying of the Pakistan National flag alongside the
Indian flag does not, therefore, arise.
The Ministry avail themselves of this opportunity
to renew to the High Commission the assurance of their highest
consideration.
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February, 25 1950,
AsTa, Dear Department,
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Please refer to your circular memorandum No. D.4802.GII/49, dated the 6th October, 1949, regarding the "Rules regulating the display of the National Flag of India".
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The text of Rule I (g)does not appear on the cyclostyled copy of the Rules received by us. We shall be grateful if the same is communicated to us as early as possible.
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Yours ever,
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The Ministry of External
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29th August 19 Regarding
the use of the National Flag
of India and National Anthem,

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
P.O. 178 (BOX)
DJAKARTA.
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March 10, 50.
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The Assistant Secretary
to the Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.
Subject : - Flying of national flags by
aliens in Indonesia, etc.
Sir, S. NO. (B)ante
I have the honour to refer to your
letter
No. 4802-G .. II/49, dated the 14th September, 1949,
and to forward herewith a copy of press note No.
231323/2, dated the 23rd December, 1949, issued by
the National Preparatory Committee, a body constituted
for the purpose of making arrangements for the transfer
of Soverignity in the country
Yours faithfully,
(M.R. A. Baig)
Charge d' Affaires.
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JOINT STATEMENT OF THE CONTACT COMMITTEE OF V.F.R.
AND P.P.N. RE. THE FLYING OF FLAGS AFTER TRANSFER
OF SOVEREIGNTY.
1. Government offices and other public buildings (stations, post offices and the like) must fly the Red-White flag from the moment of the transfer of Soverignty. Negaras, with a flag of their own, may hoist the Negara flag in addition to their Red-White flag, on their own public offices if there are no Federal offices established in the same building. The Red White flag must, in any case, be flown to the right of the Negara flag, lobking from the building. From Federal Government offices, only the Red-White flag is to be flown, also in the Negaras.
2. The above equally applies to official residences, irrespective of the nationality of the official concerned. If the official concerned holds

his post under Federal authority, only the Red-White flag is to be flown from the official residence. In case he holds his post under Negara authority, he may fly the Negara flag, if any, beside the Red-White flag; to be placed to the right of the Negara flag.
3. It is emphasized that private individuals, irrespective of their nationality, are not obliged to fly flags. If no flags are flown by such persons this should not be explained as a lack of sympathy with national events. It should not be forgotten that conditions such as shortage of flag supplies preclude flags being flown in many cases.
In case haxkøkdxxxxxx
however flags are being flown,
the following rules apply which- be it noted - have always been valid in this country with the difference, that now the Red- White flag replaces the Netherlands tricolour.
4. From private residences of R. I. S. citizens, only the red-white flag is flown. It is of course understood that in Negagas with a flag of their own, the Negara flag may also be flown on the left hand side of the Red White flag looking from the building.
5. From private residences occupied by aliens, national flags may be flown by the side of the Red White flag.
In such cases the Red White flag 18
to be placed to the right hand side of the other flag. In no circumstances may foreign flags be flown alone.
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6. |The above doesapply to offices and residences of Diplomatic and Consular representatives of foreign countries. They, if so desired, may fly their own National flag by itself.
7. The previous paragraph (6) also applieds to the Commander of the Netherlands Forces in Indonesia, and the Commanderof the Navy in the East (Flag Officer of the Royal Navy in Indonesia).
8. In accordance with international usage Netherlands Military Head and Staff Quarters, as well as Camps in which Forces under Netherlands Command are stationed, fly the Netherlands flag only.
9. As regards the flying of flags from Government Offices and private buildings, the following rules apply :
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a) The Red-White flag is hoisted one half hour after sunrise and is

struck one half hour before sunset;
b) In cases where more than one flag is flown from buildings or residences, the flags to be of equal size and to be flown at equal height from the ground.
10. These rulings come into force as from the moment of the transfer of sovereignty in Amsterdam.
The ceremonial striking of the Netherlands flag, followed by the ceremonial hoisting of the Red-White flag, takes place at the Palace Koningsplein only. The Navy will have their own ceremonial according to recognized national usage. Of course, it is recommended that a flag ceremony be held on the occasion of the transfer of sovereignty in the capitals of the Partipant Territories, although, on these occasions onl the Red-White flag is to be hoisted.

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OFFICE OF THE
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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA IN AUSTRALIA
CANBERRA, A.C.T.
Mr
6th March, 1950.
The Secretary to the
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI,
India.
Re: Flying of Foreign Flags in India,
Sir,

S. NO.
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With reference to your letter No. 4802/GII/49, dated 14th September, 1949, on the above subject, I am directed to say that the following advice hes been received from the Commonwealth Government of Australia:
NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF INDIA
"The present practic
in Australia is that normally an Australian flag should be Mlown with the flag of another country on the national day of that particular country when that
Australia.
s celebrated officially in
However, at the present time, the general question of the flying of foreign flags in Australia is under
Should such reconsideration lead to
in the position, I shall advise you further. "
Yours faithfully,
(J.N. Dhami ja)
Official Secretary.
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H. V. R. Iengar, Esquire, C. I.E. , I. C.S. ,
Secretary to the Government of India.
To
All Provincial Governments &
Chief Commissioners.
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Sur S. NO.(12)
Subject :- Flying of foreign flags -
New Delhi,3, the 21st August 1948.
Sir,
Two Provincial Governments have enquired as to what attitude they should adopt in regard to the flying of the Pakistan flag within the territories of the Indian Dominion.
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2.
The international practice is that the flag of a foreign country may be flown by the diplomatic and the consular representatives of that country, subject to any regulations made by the receiving Government in that behalf. Apart from this, international law does not recognise the right of any one to fly the flag of a foreign State. As a matter of courtesy, however, most
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of their own flag on the days of their national festivals,
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but the foreign nationals normally reciprocate this courtesy by flying side by side both their own flag and the national flag of the country in which they reside.
3. The questior raised by the Provincial Governments does not, however, relate to the flying of the Pakistan flag by the Pakistan nationals resident in India. Although, in view of the large scale transfer of population, the question of Fakistan and Indian nationality is still in a state . ..

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state of flux, it may be assumed that all the Muslims in India who wanted to go to Pakistan have already done so and consequently the Muslims resident in this Dominion are the nationals of India. If therefore a Muslim flies a Pakistan flag in India, the question that arises is not one to be settled by international law or practice, but a domestic matter of law and order.
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4. There is no law at present against a Muslim in India hoisting the Pakistan flag. Moreover, so far as the Government of India are aware, the number of occasions on which private citizens may have displayed the Pakistan flag has been extremely few. In view of this, the Government of India consider that -
(a) no prosecution can lie; and
(b) the police would not be justified in pulling down the flag.
But the display of the Pakistan flag by a person other than a diplomatic representative of Pakistan in this country will be prima facie evidence of disloyalty and, in view of the conditions prevailing in the country and Pakistan, such display would be likely

to lead to
a breach of the public peace. The
Government of India suggest that such persons should
be warned against displaying the flag and, if they
fail to comply, they may be dealt with under the
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relevant security sections of the Criminal Procedure
Code or the Public Safety Acts.
Yours faithfully,
(H. V. R. IENGAR)
Secretary to the Government of
India.
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Copy of a letter from the Ministry of External Affairs No.
41-(44)-G/48, dated the 7th May 1949 to the Head of the Indian
Military Mission Berlin, BAOR 2.
1. I am directed to refer to your letter No.F. 1317/1/A(7)/9
dated the 17th January 1949 and to say that Mr, Karl Fachinger may
kindly be informed that Royal Indian Navy ships wear the ordinary
National flag with no"Crown" or "Lion" at the jackstaff. Similarly
the "White Ensign" flown at the ensign staff is the ordinary "White
Ensign" flown by ships of the Royal and Dominion Nawies.
2. Your presumtion that the term "Province" for the purnos
of flags includes besides the Governor's Provinces the various
Chief Commissioners and the States Unions is not correct. The ter
"Province" means onlythe Province of a Governor. The following
are the various Governor's Provinces: -
ted Provinces, (5)
East Punjab,(6)Bihar,(7)Central Provinces(8)Orissa and(9)Assam.
X. Chief Commissioner do not have their own flags. They fly the
National Flag of India.
3.

Acceding States and 'Unions of States are now part of the Dominion of India and the National Flag of India is also their National Flag. The Unions of States have no flags of their own. Rulers of certain viable States have their own flags, the details of which are not readily available. The National Fog of India does not supplant the distinctive flag of the Ruler of a State within the

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Sketches of the Indian National flag and flags of the Governor General, Governor of East Pubjab and a rough sketch of the white ensign worn by ships of the Royal Indian Navy are sent here-with for onward transmission to Mr. Karl Fachinger.

5. Mr. Karl Fachinger may also be informed that this also disposes of his letter dated the 23rd December(Copy enclosed) addressed direct by him to the Commander Royal Indian Navy, New Delhi.

Copy forwarded for information to the Naval Headquarters New Delhi with reference to their u.o.No.CM/436 dated the 3rd May 1949.

By order, etc.,

Sd/. C. M. Sharma.

Assistant

Secretary to Govt. of India.

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